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ALBION, INDIANA

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July 1, 2006, Saturday

Joshua Linthicum

WATERLOO — Joshua David Linthicum, 15, died Thursday, June 29, 2006, in rural Waterloo.

Mr. Linthicum was home schooled and was going into the 10th grade.

He was a member of the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church in Corunna and was also involved in the DeKalb County 4-H.

He loved to raccoon hunt, fish, ride his ATV and enjoyed being outdoors.

He worked for the Brand Dairy Farm and is remembered as a very hard worker.

Mr. Linthicum was born on March 8, 1991, in Columbia City to Ralph D. and Tanya K. (Householder) Linthicum. They survive.

Also surviving, are one sister, Amber Linthicum, and two brothers, Jacob Linthicum and Daniel Linthicum, all of Waterloo; one grandmother, Maxine Householder of Auburn; four uncles, Dick Sutton of Auburn, Dennis Sutton of Claypool, Robert Sutton of Boyden, Iowa, and Jeff Sutton of Larwill; and several uncles.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Roscoe and Alice Linthicum and Warren Householder; and one aunt, Sherry Adams.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the Corunna Brethren in Christ Church, Corunna, with the Rev. Jess Jessup officiating.

Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church.

Arlene Hostetler

Mrs. Hostetler

LAGRANGE — Arlene V. Hostetler, 90, of LaGrange and formerly of Shipshewana, died at 6:30 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2006, in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange, where she had lived since Feb. 10, 2000.

She was born in LaGrange County on December 21, 1915, to Herbert and Lucy (Miller) Hostetler.

Ms. Hostetler was employed at Rupp's Hatchery, Christner Brothers Hatchery and Feed Service, Skal Gas Service, Shipshewana, and in her later years she was a custodian for Shipshewana State Bank.

She was a member of Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, where she was active in the Woman's Sewing Circle, taught Sunday School and was Sunday School secretary for many years.

She volunteered at Miller's Merry Manor for 15 years and delivered Meals on Wheels for several years.

Arlene Hostetler was remembered as a quiet and gentle lady with many friends and who enjoyed the outdoors.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Surviving is one cousin, Stanley Miller of Phoenix, Ariz.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with the Revs. Carl Horner and Bill Hooley officiating.

Burial will in the Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Memorials are to Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana.

Condolences may be sent online to www.millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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July 1, 2006, Saturday

Mary Boyd

ALBION — Mary L. Boyd, 65, of Albion, died at 3:25 p.m. Friday, June 30, 2006, at her residence in Albion.

She resided in the Albion community all her life and was active in the Nimble Thimble Quilt Club at the Ligonier Evangelical Church, where she was a member.

She enjoyed quilting, camping and her grandson, Austin Parr of Auburn, who survives. She work at United Technologies in Ligonier for many years.

She was born in Kendallville on January 22, 1941, to Welty and Helen (Gaff) Smith. They preceded her in death.

She married David E. Boyd on March 2, 1959, in Albion at the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He died on May 5, 2006.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Scott Parr of Auburn; one grandson, Austin Parr of Auburn; and one sister, Gloria Bullock of Alexandria, Ga.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. David Kushman of the Ligonier Evangelical Church officiating.

Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to the family.

Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Daniel Lee Gibson

FORT WAYNE — Daniel Lee Gibson, 59, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 29, 2006, at his home.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a retired sergeant with the Fort Wayne Police Department and a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his fianceé of 12 years, Rose Lesh of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Betsy Gibson of Fort Wayne and Dawn and John Jones of Garrett; a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Erika Gibson of Columbus, Ohio; three grandchildren, David and Charles Jones and Sierra Gibson; a sister and brother-in-law, Diann and Lew Mathias of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Edward Gibson of Merritt Island, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Noah and Martha Gibson.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Police Benevolent Fund or American Lung Association.

THE NEWS SUN
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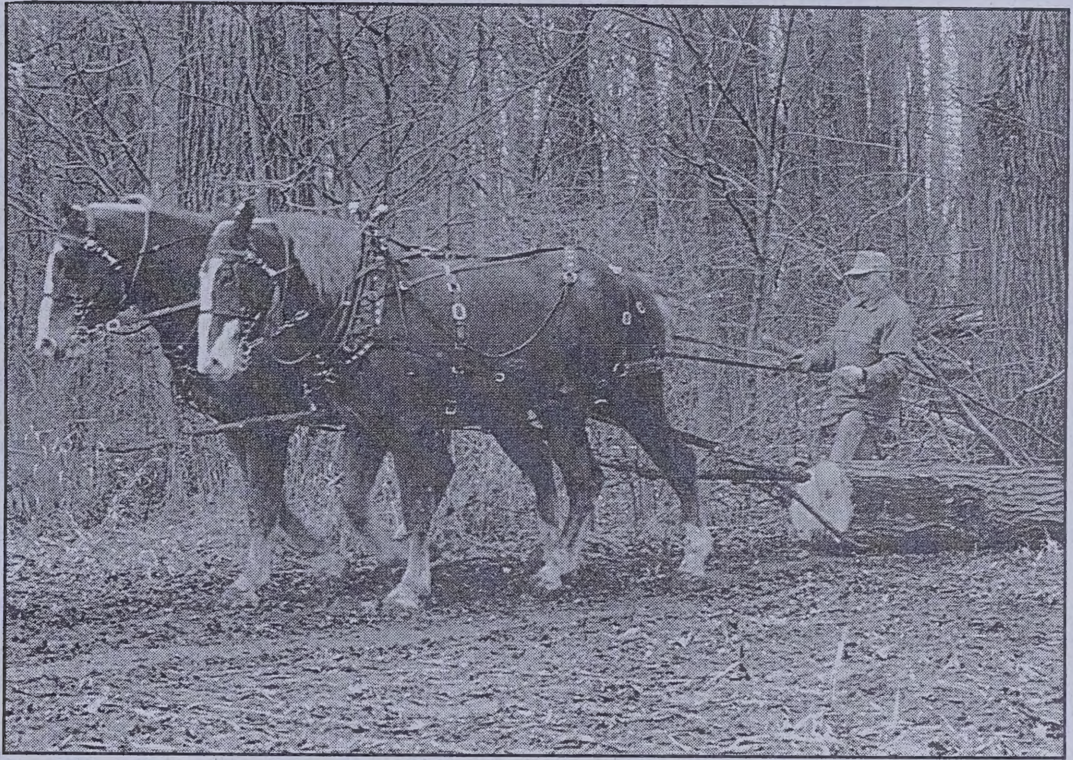
July 2, 2006, Sunday

Mr. Rudolph's passion was horses



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Forrest A. "Sport" Rudolph skids a log from a wooded area at the Allen County Fairgrounds with a team of his beloved Belgian draft horses.

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'Sport' loved his Belgians, draft ponies

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WATERLOO — Nicknamed "Sport" by his grandmother when he was but an infant, Forrest A. Rudolph of rural Waterloo inherited a German love of horses and the woods.

Mr. Rudolph, who died June 8 at his farm home on C.R. 35, was well-known in the community, participating in parades and giving rides in wagons and bobsleds pulled by either his Belgian horses or his draft ponies.

"His world stopped for fair week," said his son, Richard, of Waterloo. Mr. Rudolph not only took part in the county fair parade, but helped with demonstrations by the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor and Engine Club, threshing wheat and sawing lumber. He owned a number of antique tractors, including the first tractor he ever bought, a 1952 Farmall "H."

Mr. Rudolph's great-grandfather, William Rudolph, came from Germany and established a sawmill where U.S. 30 and U.S. 33 now intersect northwest of Fort Wayne. His grandfather had a sawmill at Auburn Junction, and young "Sport" was cutting and skidding logs from DeKalb County woods at a young age, under the direction of his father, George.

"His passion was horses," said Mr. Rudolph's wife of nearly 53 years, Marilyn. They met at the Silver Moon skating rink near Waterloo, and that led to their first date, she recalled.

After 21 months in the Army following the Korean War, the Rudolphs settled on a farm north of Waterloo for a short time, then moved to the Pleasant Lake area, where they raised a herd of dairy cows for some 10 years. They finally settled on C.R. 35, buying a farm from John Graham, who later would be the county sheriff, in 1968.

Son Roger, of Corunna, and Richard said their dad also had a good sense of humor and loved practical jokes. One Halloween, while attempting a practical joke on a neighbor, "Sport" and several friends were "caught" by the sheriff. The group went to the county jail for a short stay, but it was all a set-up, with the joke on Mr. Rudolph.

Mr. Rudolph also loved to trade knives. He would extend his hand with a knife tucked into his fist, and ask, "Do you want to trade knives?"

Most often, said daughter Roseann, her father would trade a poor-quality knife to the unsuspecting "victim" for a much better knife. He was well known at the auction in Shipshewana, where Mr. Rudolph transported cattle to the sale, and traded knives with the Amish as well as the "English."

"He seemed to have a never-ending supply of knives in his pocket," Richard said. Roseann said her dad's victims would often give the poor-quality knife to a friend, to trade again in hopes of getting a better knife.

After supporting his children in their high school sports, Mr. Rudolph continued to be a fan of DeKalb Baron basketball, baseball and girls softball. He also followed Purdue and Indiana University sports, especially the rivalries, Roseann said.

"I think it was at the school and at the fair that dad was best known," said Roger.

Richard farms, and said he appreciates horses, but it is daughter Roseann who carries on her father's passion for draft animals.

The Rudolph children grew up working the farm with their dad, and "it is where we wanted to be," said Roger.

Mr. Rudolph's grandchildren also loved being with their grandfather, and he loved being with them, Mrs. Rudolph said.

"And with his great-grandchildren," she added.

"He loved giving rides, like at Eckhart Park at Halloween and Christmas," Roseann said. She especially remembers when her dad came to the Waterloo Elementary School when she was in kindergarten and gave wagon rides to the entire class.

"The best part was that I got to ride home with Dad, instead of on the bus," she said.

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July 2, 2006, Sunday

Beverly Smith

ALBION — Beverly A. Smith, 64, of rural Albion died at 8:11 p.m. on Friday, June 30, 2006, at her home after a 3 1/2-year illness.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of the community. She enjoyed her grandchildren very much.

She was born June 30, 1942, in Auburn to Clouce and Helen (Straw) Loucks. She married Jerry L. Smith on April 11, 1970, in Brimfield. He survives.

Mrs. Smith is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Chris Ayres of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Smith Jr. and Lisa Smith of Cincinnati and James Smith of Albion; a stepdaughter, Vicky Smith of Hazard, Ky.; eight grandchildren, Sierra Ayres, Katelyn Ayres, Jaden Ayres, Colton Smith, Cortney Smith, Chelsey Smith, Mikaela Forker and Jessica Ramsey; and a stepgranddaughter, Carley Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Norbert Johnson; and a sister, Bonnie Geiswhite.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion North Ridge Village Chapel. The Rev. Larry Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society and Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

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July 3, 2006, Monday

Eli Chupp

MIDDLEBURY — Eli S. Chupp, 92, of Middlebury died Sunday, July 2, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Chupp was a farmer and carpenter.

He had served as a minister for 54 years in the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Chupp was born May 5, 1914, in Nappanee to Samuel and Mary (Burkholder) Chupp. He married Ella Miller Nov. 25, 1943, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Esther and Simon Borkholder of Brighton, Iowa, and Mary and Delbert Miller of Middlebury; three sons and daughters-in-law, Earl and Irma Chupp of Manton, Mich., Sam and Lydia Chupp of Pearisburg, Va., and David and Arlene Chupp of Hillsboro, Wis.; 42 grandchildren; 70 great-grandchildren; four half sisters and their husbands, Anna and Elmer Byler and Barbara and Ray Burkholder, all of Nappanee, and Verna and Gideon Bontrager and Elizabeth and Ralph Miller, all of Goshen; and three half brothers and their wives, John Chupp of Goshen, Jake and Esther Chupp of Nappanee and Levi and Mary Chupp of Etna Green.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother, three brothers, four sisters and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Ernie Lehman residence, C.R. 33, Middlebury, with Bishop Nelson Gingerich, the Rev. Ora Lehman and the Rev. Richard Miller officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at his home.

Condolence may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Viola Schiffli

WATERLOO — Viola M. Schiffli, 86, of Indianapolis and formerly of Waterloo died Saturday, July 1, 2006, at her daughter's home in Indianapolis.

She was a former Auburn Rubber Co. employee, and she had worked at Uniform Printing in Kendallville.

Mrs. Schiffli was a member of the St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church, Waterloo, and a member of the Rosary Society.

She was born Aug. 7, 1919, at Salem Center in Steuben County to Wayne and Edna (Graves) Allen.

On Sept. 10, 1938, she married Wayne Sprankle in South Milford. He died May 30, 1965. She then married Julius V. Schiffli on Oct. 26, 1968, in Waterloo. He died April 4, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and JoEllen (Gisel) Sprankle of Phoenix; a daughter, Elaine Wilson of Indianapolis; four brothers, Archie Allen of Auburn, Herman Allen of Fort Wayne, William Allen of Tucson, Ariz., and Robert Allen of Pleasant Lake; a sister, Pat Little of Tucson; eight grandchildren, Mark Wilson, Christopher Wilson Karlson, Nancy Jones, Sam Sprankle, Rebecca Camarata, Tara Jo Sprankle, Ty Sprankle, and Amy Reyes; three stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Stroh.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Masses.

Lowell Sexton

PLYMOUTH, Ohio — Lowell Thomas Sexton, 71, of Plymouth, Ohio, and formerly of Kentucky died Friday, June 30, 2006, at his home.

He was born June 15, 1935, in Floyd County, Ky., to Lummie and Luraney (Miller) Sexton. He was a self-employed construction worker and enjoyed hunting.

He is survived by five daughters, Sherri Sexton and Rhonda Sexton of Plymouth, Ohio, Tammie Sexton and Davina Sexton of Indiana and Julie Sexton Hoyt of Dayton, Ohio; two sons, Dexter Sexton of Indiana and Lowell Shannon Sexton of Virginia; nine grandchildren; a great-grandson; a brother, Velman Sexton of Willard, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be today at 11 a.m. at the family home, 58 North St., Plymouth, Ohio, with the Rev. Velman Sexton officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in New Haven, Ohio.

Secor Funeral Home in Plymouth, Ohio is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.secorfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 3, 2006, Monday

Lowell Stomm

ANGOLA — Lowell L. Stomm, 84, of rural Angola died Saturday, July 1, 2006, at St. Joseph Medical Center in Fort Wayne, where he was a patient.

Mr. Stomm was a lifelong farmer and had been employed at Fremont Manufacturing, which became Simpson Industries, and then worked at Simpson Industries in Edon, Ohio, before retiring in 1985 with 12 years of service. He was an Army veteran of World War II and received the Silver and Bronze Stars. He was a member of the Columbia Church of Christ.

He was born on June 5, 1922, in Noble County to Voyde and Iva (High) Stomm. He married Ruby I. Fee, and she preceded him in death on June 9, 1998.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Larry Thompson of Yorktown; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lavon and Cindy Stomm and Charlie and Teresa Stomm, all of Angola; a brother, Donald Stomm of Huntertown; a sister, Beverly Brunner of Angola; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Caldwell and Lois Prosser.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio, with the Rev. Larry Weller officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton, with graveside military rites conducted by members of Edon American Legion Post No. 262.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Anton Cather

FORT WAYNE — Anton B. "Tony" Cather, 71, of Fort Wayne died Friday, June 30, 2006, in Cox's Creek, Ky.

Mr. Cather was born Dec. 6, 1934, in Angola to Robert and Lucille Cather. He was a graduate of Indiana University and had been employed as a controller with Sears for 34 years, retiring in 1989. He was a member of the Mystic Tie Lodge AF & AM of Indianapolis, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and the Murat Shrine Temple.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Cameron Revert of Cox's Creek; a son, Chris Cather of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Breann, Lynde and Cory Revert and Katelynn and Clayton Cather; a sister, Liz Cosper of Texas; and a brother and son-in-law, James and Martha Cather of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Connie.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with graveside military rites conducted by members of the U.S. Navy.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday and also one hour before services on Thursday.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Marceille Geimer

FORT WAYNE — Marceille E. Geimer, 89, of Fort Wayne died Friday, June 30, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Geimer was born in Columbia City. She was an electrologist with L.S. Ayres for more than 20 years, retiring in 1981.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and past president of American Legion Post No. 47 Auxiliary, No. 60 TETI Sherrie, Daughters of the Nile and Fort Wayne Chapter No. 432 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are her husband, Carl J. Geimer of Jimmerson Lake; two sons, Robert D. Allen of Las Vegas and Marshall C. Bush of Vista, Calif.; three grandchildren, Kimberly Brelsford, Marla Kinner and Jim Hunter; and three great-grandchildren, Madison E. and Taylor K. Kinner and Victoria Hunter.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Marla E. Bush and Susan A. Hunter.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with Eastern Star services at 7:30 p.m., and also one hour before services on Saturday.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church.

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July 5, 2006, Wednesday

Floyd Mason Sr.

BUTLER — Floyd M. Mason Sr., 64, died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born in Butler on Aug. 7, 1941, to Carl H. and Rhoda D. (Moore) Mason.

He was a machinist and worked for DeKalb Molded Plastics in Butler for three years before retiring in 1997. He was a member of the Victory Baptist Church in Waterloo and a past member of the Eagles Lodge in Garrett.

He married Kleota B. Hart on Feb. 11, 1966. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Cherie Mason of Spencerville, Washington "Woody" and Liz Mason of Rome City and Floyd "Max" Mason Jr. of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Carrey Penrod of Herington, Kan.; a brother, John J. Mason of Corunna; 11 grandchildren, Mike Mason, Tim Bricker, Sean Bricker, Justin Loomis, Richard Mason, Michelle Mason, Ashley Loomis, Kristele Bricker, Brittany Mason, C.J. Penrod and Matt Roberts; and a great-grandchild, Tristin Rean Loomis.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Mason.

Services will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Mike Sassanella officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

Anton Cather

FORT WAYNE — Anton "Tony" B. Cather, 71, of Fort Wayne died Friday, June 30, 2006, at Cox's Creek, Ky.

He was a graduate of Indiana University and had been employed as a controller with Sears for 34 years before retiring in 1989. He was a member of the Mystic Tie Lodge AF & AM of Indianapolis, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and a member of the Murat Shrine Temple. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran.

Mr. Cather was born Dec. 6, 1934, in Angola to the late Robert and Lucille Cather.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Cameron Revert of Cox's Creek; a son, Chris Cather of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Breann, Lynde and Cory Revert and Katelynn and Clayton Cather; a sister, Liz Cosper of Texas; and a brother and sister-in-law, James and Marsha Cather of Hamilton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Connie.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola with military gravesite rites.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. today and from 9-10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

William Miller

AUBURN — William R. Miller died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services are pending at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Ricky Cook

AUBURN — Ricky Lee Cook, 52, of Auburn died Monday, July 3, 2006, at his home.

He was born in Noble County on Jan. 21, 1954, to Lloyd Jr. and Naomi (Berryhill) Cook of Auburn. His father preceded him in death.

He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1973 and enjoyed fishing and woodworking. He was an active member of the DeKalb County community for the majority of his life and was employed by American Electric Power for 27 years as a meter electrician.

He was an Auburn reserve police officer for 10 years and coached the Auburn Girl's Softball League for four years. He was an active member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ of Auburn, where he served on several committees.

On April 11, 1976, he married Susan Renee Hartman of Ashley at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren. She survives.

Other survivors include his mother in Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca Sue and Bob Mondor of Auburn and Jennifer Erin and Shawn Schwab of Garrett; a grandson, Noah Mondor; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Randy and Shon Cook of Auburn and Ron Cook of Waterloo; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cindy and Larry Blitz of Garrett and Melinda and Dave Vincent of Fort Wayne; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 910 North Indiana Ave., Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig Officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Auburn.

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Robert Diehl Sr.

DEFIANCE, Ohio — Robert E. Diehl Sr., 90, died Monday, July 3, 2006, at Haborside Healthcare in Defiance, Ohio.

He was born on Jan. 22, 1916, to Emmet and Elva (Platter) Diehl in Defiance County, Ohio.

He was a graduate of Mark Center High School. He married Marian Eileen Allen on Dec. 18, 1934, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

He was a farmer, truck driver and a member of the Mark Center United Methodist Church in Mark Center, Ohio.

In addition to his wife, other survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Edwin Jr. and Rita Diehl of Cadillac, Mich., and Jim and Nancy Diehl of Rochester, Minn.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon and Steve Sierer of Oakwood, Ohio, and Mary Ann Eck of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchilren; three great-great grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Walters of Sherwood, Ohio, and Hazel Jones of Mark Center.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two grandchildren; a brother, Terry; and two sisters, Irene Diehl and Lorene Wesche.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, Ohio, with the Rev. Tom Graves and Pastor Bob Parker officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Harborside Activity Department.

Roy Muncy

FORT WAYNE — Roy L. Muncy, 51, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 1, 2006, at his home.

Born in Shelbyville, Ky., Mr. Muncy was a heating and air installer.

Surviving are his fiancee, Julie Markiton of Fort Wayne; his mother, Jessie Bennett of Richmond, Ky., and a sister, Anita Edemstrom of Richmond.

Services will be tonight at 7 at the D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Kelly D. Vinson officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-7 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Pollie Davis

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Pollie Ann Davis, 68, of Montgomery, Mich., died Sunday, July 2, 2006, at Battle Creek Health Systems in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mrs. Davis was born April 10, 1938, in Fremont to Alkie and Eva (Conley) Bailey.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and John Stump of Reading, Mich., Sheila and Jim Britton of Osseo, Mich., Teresa and Bernard Hukill and Linda and Randy Pickford, all of Montgomery, and Elizabeth and Ed Barker of Corunna; four sons and daughters-in-law, Rex and Lisa Davis of Bryan, Ohio, Jeff and Sandy Davis of Reading, Nathan Davis and Bridget Hukill of Litchfield, Mich., and Benjamin and Rachel Harrington of Coldwater, Mich.; three sisters, Effie Cox, Luann and Anthee, all of Indiana; a brother, John Henry Bailey of Auburn; 46 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Nelis Davis, in 1973; four brothers; her parents; and a son, Stephen Harrington.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at George White Funeral Home, Reading. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 5, 2006, Wednesday

Phyneal Knight

FORT WAYNE — Phyneal L. "Butch" Knight, 76, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 3, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Knight was born Feb. 17, 1930, to Clint and Ethal (Beason) Knight. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 82 in Fort Wayne.

He had worked with his father hanging wallpaper in Bluffton for many years. He worked for Dana for some time and retired from C.L. Schust Roofing Co. in Fort Wayne after 27 years of service.

Surviving are four children and their spouses, Sandy and Don Prader of Ossian, Lamoin Knight of Fort Wayne, Christian and Steve Eberly of Hamilton and Bob Knight; a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond C. and Marian Knight of Portage, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marleen and George Andoe of Plano, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Blane Knight.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Thom/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Children's Hope Hospitality House, Lutheran Hospital Campus, Fort Wayne.

Marjorie Lash

STAFFORD, Va. — Marjorie Wilma Lash, 84, of Stafford and formerly of Kendallville died Thursday, June 29, 2006. She had been living at the home of her daughter for the past three years.

Mrs. Lash was born Jan. 11, 1922, in Garrett to Chester Orrin Clark and Margaret Pauline Heinlen of Garrett.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janis Margaret and Al Garcia of Stafford and Diane and Bill LaVigne of Fort Wayne; a son, David G. Lash of Flagstaff, Ariz; a sister, Judith Morrill of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Kathryn Callaway of Stafford, Louis Garcia and Steven Garcia, both of Chantilly, Va., Michael Garcia of Potomac Falls, Va., Christine Rhine of Muncie, Holli LaVigne of Indianapolis, Rayonna Lash of Flagstaff and Jessica Lash of Sedona, Ariz.; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Giles Albert Lash, of Cottonwood, Ariz.; three sisters, Meredith Lawrence, Vivian Clark and Joyce Reuss; and one granddaughter, Diane Buck Lambert.

A private family celebration of life will be held at a later time at the family home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mary Washington Hospice in care of the MWH Foundation.

Found and Sons Funeral Chapels, Fredericksburg, is in charge of arrangements.

Connie Slone

ALBION — Connie J. Slone, 50, of Albion died Saturday, July 1, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Slone

Mrs. Slone had been employed with Kraft Foods and kept busy baby-sitting for her nephew.

She was a member of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Mrs. Slone loved to read and sew.

She was born March 25, 1956, in Prestonsburg, Ky., to Virgil and Wanda (Hunter) Fannin. They survive in Kendallville.

She married Ed Slone on Oct. 13, 1980, in Kendallville and he survives in Albion.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Joel and Cathy Smart of LaGrange, and Eddie and Rachel Slone, Brett Slone and Troy Slone, all of Kendallville; a daughter, Amanda (Slone) Johnson of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and Jim Parks of Avilla and Angie and Pat Rudolph of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Roselma Slone of South Milford; her mother-in-law, Jeanette Slone of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Dominiq, Isaiah, Antonio, Mariah, Drake, Eddie III, Trisha and Hallie; one great-grandchild, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Sandra Benson-Warrix, in February; and her father-in-law, Winston Slone, in 1995.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Ralph Stutzman

HOWE — Ralph Stutzman, 79, of Howe died July 2, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mr. Stutzman

Mr. Stutzman had retired from Lambright Hatchery in LaGrange and had been a handyman.

He lived in LaGrange County most of his life.

He was a member of Pine Knob Conservation Club, Sturgis Moose Lodge and Albion Eagles.

Mr. Stutzman was born June 9, 1927, in Kosciusko County to Ralph and Edna (Chupp) Stutzman. He married Betty Jane Hawkins on May 27, 1953, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Judy and Randy Perkins, Linda and John Lackey and Lola and Troy Yoder, all of LaGrange, and Gloria and Marc Bordner and Luckie Lackey, all of Howe; a son, Rodney Stutzman of New Haven, Mich.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Elsie McNabb, Mary and William Boyd and Betty and Chris Eash, all of LaGrange; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Robert and Laura Stutzman, Willie and Charlene Stutzman and Don Stutzman, all of Goshen, Kenneth and Dorothy Stutzman of Ligonier, Floyd and Judy Stutzman of Ashley and Amos and Kathy Stutzman of Syracuse; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ray, Glendon and Dale Stutzman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at LaGrange Church of God with Pastor Mark Denney officiating. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Patricia Bergin

LAGRANGE — Patricia M. Bergin, 55, of LaGrange died Friday, June 30, 2006, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

She had been employed at Wal-Mart.

She was born July 8, 1950, in LaGrange to David and Ellen (Young) Burgi. They are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Dylan Bolin of Milwaukee, Wis.; and a brother, John Burgi of Kendallville.

Services will be at a later date.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy VanWinkle

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy V. VanWinkle, 87, of Kendallville died July 2, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. VanWinkle had lived in the area since moving to Rome City in 1986 from Indianapolis.

She had worked as a laborer in a warehouse for William H. Block Co.

She was born Dec. 3, 1918, in Indianapolis to Ver and Nora (Crouch) Leslie. She first married Henry Young on June 5, 1943, in Indianapolis. He died in 1961. She then married Meredith VanWinkle on April 23, 1977, in Veedersburg. He died Dec. 19, 1999.

Surviving are a stepdaughter and her husband, Sondra and David Harvey of Rome City; a stepson, H.E. "Rip" VanWinkle of Indianapolis; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Donald Young, in 1959; and a brother, Robert Leslie, in 1944.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis with the Rev. Michael McKinney officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Rome City United Methodist Church with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Rome City United Methodist Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 5, 2006, Wednesday

Mary Boyd, 65

ALBION - Mary L. Boyd, 65, of Albion, died at 3:25 p.m. Friday, June 30, 2006, at her residence in Albion.

She resided in the Albion community all her life and was active in the Nimble Thimble Quilt Club at the Ligonier Evangelical Church where she was a member.

She enjoyed quilting, camping and her grandson, Austin Parr of Auburn who survives. She worked at United Technologies in Ligonier for many years.

She was born in Kendallville on January 22, 1941 to Welty and Helen (Gaff) Smith. They preceded her in death.

She married David E. Boyd on March 2, 1959 in Albion at the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He died on May 5, 2006.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Scott Parr of Auburn; one grandson, Austin Parr of Auburn; and one sister, Gloria Bullock of Alexandria, Ga.

Services were Monday, July 3, 2006 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. David Kushman of the Ligonier Evangelical Church officiated.

Burial took place at Merriam Christian Chapel, Merriam.

Memorials are to the family.

Brazzell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ruby Guy, 84

Ruby Lucile Guy, 84, a resident of Fort Wayne and a native of Whitley County, died at 7:55 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was stricken unexpectedly at her home on Friday and had been hospitalized since that time.

Mrs. Guy was born on October 19, 1921, at Collins in Whitley County, a daughter of William E. and Alta L. (Tulley) Summers and spent her formative years on the family farm near Collins.

On Sept. 15, 1940, she was married to Richard N. Guy and spent all of her adult life in the Fort Wayne area.

In her leisure time, she enjoyed gardening and yard work and had an everlasting love for her family.

Mr. Guy preceded her in death on January 29, 1987.

The surviving relatives include two daughters, Jean E. (Roy "Bud") Starkey of Wolf Lake and Kathy (Robert) Fletcher of Huntertown; a sister, Doris Bailey of Columbia City; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and spouse, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Irene Barker, Eva Lois Marvel and Edna M. Summers; and a brother, Franklin E. Summers.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 3, 2006, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Barry Faucett, pastor of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating. Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136 conducted a memorial service on Sunday evening at the mortuary. Interment was at Eel River Cemetery in Allen County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at *sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.*

Thanks to all who shared words and acts of comfort with us during the years of our Mother's decline and after her death. By your words, cards, memorials and prayers, we know that, with us, you thank God for her life, her Christian testimony and for her joy at being with her Lord. A special thanks to Pastor Dan Barker who helped us remember her in better years.

The family of Laura "Pat" Clouse

ALBION NEW ERA
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Kirk McGuire, 87

AVILLA - Kirk K. McGuire, 87, of Avilla died Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at his rural Avilla home.

Mr. McGuire had been an electrician at Sacred Heart Home, working on boilers and in the maintenance department.

He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received a Purple Heart after being wounded in action.

Mr. McGuire was a member of the National Association of Railway Passengers and the Ark Christian Fellowship Church in Avilla.

He was born March 15, 1919, in Fort Wayne to James and Mary (Klaren) McGuire.

Surviving are family members, Jim Lindley of Wolcottville, Bob and Sandra Mitchell, the Steve and Dianne Wineland family, the Michael and Kelly Dodson family, Doug and Nancy Haywood, Jeff and Stephanie Kirkwood, Jim Lindley III, the Kenneth and Tammy Lindley family; and his church family and friends.

Mr. McGuire requested supplies or toys for children be donated to the Charis House Shelter for women and children. They may be dropped off at the Ark Fellowship Church in Avilla or sent to Charis House, P.O. Box 11116, Fort Wayne, IN.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Beverly Smith, 64

ALBION — Beverly A. Smith, 64, of rural Albion died at 8:11 p.m. on Friday, June 30, 2006, at her home after a 3 1/2-year illness.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of the community. She enjoyed her grandchildren very much.

She was born June 30, 1942, in Auburn to Clouce and Helen (Straw) Loucks. She married Jerry L. Smith on April 11, 1970, in Brimfield. He survives.

Mrs. Smith is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Chris Ayres of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Smith Jr. and Lisa Smith of Cincinnati and James Smith of Albion; a stepdaughter, Vicky Smith of Hazard, Ky.; eight grandchildren, Sierra Ayres, Katelyn Ayres, Jaden Ayres, Colton Smith, Cortney Smith, Chelsey Smith, Mikaela Forker and Jessica Ramsey; and a stepgranddaughter, Carley Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Norbert Johnson; and a sister, Bonnie Geiswhite.

Services were held Thursday, July 6, 2006 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion North Ridge Village Chapel. The Rev. Larry Williams officiated. Burial took place at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society and Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Sally Timmerman, 67

CHURUBUSCO - Sally A. Timmerman, 67, of Churubusco died at 8:19 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital after suffering an apparent heart attack at her home.

Mrs. Timmerman was a 1956 graduate of Huntertown High School.

She was born Aug. 3, 1938, in Wallen to Nolan "Bud" and Dorothy (Golden) Tom. She married Don Timmerman on April 27, 1957 in Wallen. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Susan Merriman of Avilla; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Dana Timmerman of Avilla, Dean and Melanie Timmerman of LaOtto and Kris and Teresa Timmerman of Huntertown; a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Leland "Dubb" Coak of Fort Wayne; a brother, Thomas Tom of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Betty Tom of Angola; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Services were Saturday, July 1, 2006 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Denny Leinbach of Bethel United Methodist Church officiated. Burial took place in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Christopher Fish

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Christopher L. Fish, 32, of Montgomery, Mich. died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

Mr. Fish was born Jan. 26, 1974, in Hillsdale, Mich. He graduated from Camden-Frontier High School in Camden, Mich. in 1991. He attended the Branch Area Career Center in Coldwater, Mich. for plumbing and heating. He was employed in the maintenance department at Cadence Innovations in Hillsdale.

He enjoyed flying remote-controlled airplanes, jet-skiing, four-wheeling, mud bogging and several other outdoor activities,

Surviving are a daughter, Katelyn Louise Fish of Hillsdale; his father and stepmother, Michael James and Tracie Anne Fish of Camden; a brother, Michael James Fish Jr. of Montgomery; a stepsister, Lacie Annemarie Fish of Camden; grandparents, Ivan Carl and Lois Louise Fish of Camden and Orlo Barnes of Montgomery; stepgrandparents Thomas Dale and Janet Irene George of Coldwater; a niece, Nichola Jean Cuttchall of Concord, Mich.; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Juanita Louise (Hodge) Groom and grandparents Georgia (Hodge) Barnes and Jack Hodge.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich. with the Rev. Brad Faler officiating. Calling will be Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.

Memorials are to an education fund being established for Katelyn Fish, care of Michael Fish.

Jay Ice Jr.

COZAD, Neb. — Jay Ice, Jr., 59, died Sunday, July 2, 2006, at his home in Cozad, Neb.

He was born Jan. 10, 1947, in Auburn, to Jay, Sr. and Grace Fisher Ice, who are both deceased.

He made his home in Indiana and Chicago where he was employed in factory work. He moved to Nebraska from Fort Wayne in May of this year.

He was a member of the Christian faith.

Survivors include three sons, a fiancee and a daughter-in-law, Jay, III and his fiancee, Deb Coffey, both of Cozad, Neb., Jason and Beth of Cozad, Neb. and Jesse of Garrett; a daughter, Sirena Ice of Auburn; a half-sister, Delores Rhodes of Waterloo; and six grandchildren, Harley and Scarlet Cooley, Justin Smith and T. J., Amanda and Justin Coffey.

Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by a brother, Donald, and a sister, Patty.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Cozad Christian Church in Cozad, Nebraska, with Larry Thomas officiating. Burial will be in the Walnut Grove Cemetery north of Cozad.

A memorial has been established in Mr. Ice's name. Condolences may be sent to berrymanfuneralhome.com.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about family members.*

Viola Schiffli

WATERLOO — Viola M. Schiffli, 86, of Indianapolis and formerly of Waterloo, died Saturday, July 1, 2006, at her daughter's home in Indianapolis.

She was a former Auburn Rubber Co. employee and she had worked at Uniform Printing in Kendallville.

Mrs. Schiffli was a member of the St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church, Waterloo, and a member of the Rosary Society.

She was born Aug. 7, 1919 at Salem Center in Steuben County to Wayne and Edna (Graves) Allen.

On Sept. 10, 1938, she married Wayne Sprankle in South Milford. He died May 30, 1965. She then married Julius V. Schiffli on Oct. 26, 1968, in Waterloo. He died April 4, 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and JoEllen (Gisel) Sprankle of Phoenix; one daughter, Elaine Wilson of Indianapolis; four brothers, Archie Allen of Auburn, Herman Allen of Fort Wayne, William Allen of Tucson, Ariz., and Robert Allen of Pleasant Lake; one sister, Pat Little of Tucson; eight grandchildren, Mark Wilson, Christopher Wilson, Nancy Jones, Sam Sprankle, Rebecca Camarata, Tara Jo Sprankle, Ty Sprankle, and Amy Reyes; three step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a son, Warren Sprankle, who died on June 24, 2004.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Stroh.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or masses.

THE NEWS SUN
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Vivia Harlan

ALBION — Vivia Harlan, 94, of rural Albion died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. She had been in declining health for a month.

Mrs. Harlan

Mrs. Harlan was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She had been employed at Wirk Garment Industries Inc. in Ligonier and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Harlan enjoyed reading, sewing, crocheting and spending time with her family. She was a member of Green Center United Methodist Church and the Green Center Missionary Aid.

She was born Feb. 2, 1912, in Green Township, Noble County, to Otis and Maggie (Diffendarfer) Owen. She first married George Harlan on Jan. 30, 1937. He died Aug. 5, 1973. She then married Harold "Pete" Harlan on Jan. 31, 1976. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Philip Dunn of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Sam and Susie Harlan of Albion; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Joyce and Melford "Mick" Leatherman and Marily and George Pippenger, all of Albion, and Kathy "Susie" and Tom Hicks of Bradenton, Fla.; a sister, Ruth Ott of Albion; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters, Hazel Wilson, Clara Boggs and Mildred Gross; and a brother, Homer Owen.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Nancy Fergusson, pastor of Green Center United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Green Center United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Christine Sliwinski

SHIPSHEWANA — Christine G. Sliwinski, 91, of Shipshewana died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Sliwinski had moved to LaGrange County in 1979 from Gary.

She had been employed at Arthur Winers & Son Garment Co. in Gary.

She was born April 26, 1915, in Gary to Nicholas and Mary (Vojtek) Gladdis. She married Sigmund "Zeke" Sliwinski on June 28, 1943, in Gary. He died Dec. 10, 1995.

Surviving are three daughters, Sandra Easterlin of Hobart, Sharon O'Bannon of Tuscon, Ariz., and Denise St. John of Shipshewana; a son, Eric Sliwinski of Crown Point; a sister, Dalene Gladdis of Merrillville; a brother, John Gladdis of Portage; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Mark Sliwinski; four sisters; and four brothers.

There are no services or calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Walter Rosenogle

COLUMBIA CITY — Walter R. Rosenogle, 86, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where he had been a patient since July 1.

Mr. Rosenogle

Mr. Rosenogle had retired in 1981 from Dana Weatherhead after 20 years of service. Prior to that, he had worked at Columbia Woolen Mills, Wolf Lake Garage and South Whitley Manufacturing.

He joined the U.S. Army on Dec. 3, 1942, during World War II, and served in Italy and Africa. He received an honorable discharge on Oct. 20, 1945.

His formative years were spent in the Churubusco and Wolf Lake areas and he completed his education at Wolf Lake School.

Mr. Rosenogle was born Nov. 13, 1919, in Whitley County to Charles and Pearl (Clingerman) Rosenogle.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery in Ormas.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Marcella Noe

CHURUBUSCO — Marcella Noe, 63, of Churubusco died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been ill since November 2005.

Mrs. Noe

Mrs. Noe had lived in the Churubusco area for the past 15 years. Prior to that she had lived in Fort Wayne and spent her early years in Kentucky.

She had been employed as a production worker at Kautex Inc. in Avilla for nine years. Mrs. Noe was a member of Eel River Baptist Church near Churubusco.

She was born March 29, 1943, in Whitesburg, Ky., to Edgar and Eula (Hodgin) Combs. She married Marcus Noe on Aug. 20, 1965, in Fort Wayne. He died July 13, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Faith and Lucio Vazquez of Kendallville and Charlene Noe of Pinetop, Ky.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark and Jamie Noe and Timothy Noe, all of Churubusco; her stepchildren and their spouses, Victor Noe of Thailand, Kenneth and Darlene Noe of Friendswood, Texas, and James and Beverly Noe and Penny and Tony Toler, all of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Audrey Suffridge of Fort Wayne and Harold and Nancy Combs of Angola; 24 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Kerry Niman, pastor of Eel River Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indiana University Cancer Pavilion or to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.net.

Tracy Smith

COLDWATER, Mich. — Tracy Ann Smith, 44, of Coldwater, Mich., died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich., after a 40-year struggle with kidney failure. She had been on dialysis for over 33 years.

Mrs. Smith was born March 4, 1962, in Branch County, Mich., to David Alfred and Karma (Wilber) Dolson. She graduated from Coldwater High School in 1980, and then attended Davenport University in Battle Creek, Mich. She married Kevin D. Smith on Dec. 31, 1989, at Pleasant Hill Church in Bronson, Mich. He survives.

She had owned and operated the Home Away from Home Day Care Center in Coldwater for over 10 years. Her failing health forced her into early retirement in 2004. She was a member of the Coldwater Church of Christ and the Creative Memories scrapbook club. She enjoyed scrapbooking, camping, dining out and being with her nieces and nephews.

Also surviving are her parents in Coldwater; a brother, Allen Dolson of Battle Creek; grandparents, Marjorie Roush of Pleasant Lake and Lucille Wilber of Coldwater; parents-in-law, Evert and Linda Smith of Bronson; eight nieces and nephews, Autumn, Matthew, Brittany, Jenni, Janssen, Janelle, Sunny and Hunter; a great-nephew, Austin; and a great-niece, Bridgette.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Julie Kibiloski, in 2001; her grandfather, Frank Wilber; and her grandmother, Mary E. Dolson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, with the Rev. Dale Walterhouse officiating. Calling will be Friday from 3 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bronson.

Memorials are to the Coldwater Nephrology Clinic.

Condolences can be left online at www.kolcz.com.

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Helen Pickering

GARRETT — Helen M. Pickering, 91, of Garrett, died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Pickering was employed as a proofreader for the Garrett Clipper, and was a secretary for Insurance Trustees for nine years.

Mrs. Pickering

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and choir for over 50 years, a charter member of the Kenwig Literary Club, and was named Patron of the Arts by the Auburn Arts Commission. She served as a Democratic precinct committee person, and bowled for many years with the Bowlerettes League in Garrett.

She was born July 27, 1914, in Albion to Franklin and Ruth (Keeran) Mayfield.

On Sept. 16, 1939, in Auburn, she married Kenneth C. "Red" Pickering. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Surviving are a nephew, George Franks of Hasbrook Heights, N.J.; three great-nephews; and special friends Robert and Marjorie Link of LaOtto.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Edward K. Mayfield.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Garrett United Methodist Church with Pastor Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be from noon until 2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the church choir.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Roy Anspaugh

BRADENTON, Fla. — Roy Alvin Anspaugh, 77, of Bradenton and formerly of Wawaka, died Monday, July 3, 2006.

Mr. Anspaugh had retired from West Noble School Corp.

Mr. Anspaugh

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Norma A. (Smith) Anspaugh; a daughter, Linda L. Walker of Bradenton; a son, Michael Anspaugh of Lakeland, Fla.; a half brother, Lloyd Anspaugh of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a half sister, Charlene Roseboom of Marcellus, Mich.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Stephen L. Anspaugh; a sister, Rosalie Birkhold; a brother, Paul Anspaugh; and a half sister Joyce Anspaugh.

Private family services will be held.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging, P.O. Box 107, LaGrange, IN; Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota , FL 34238; or Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation, 12902 Magnolia Dr., Tampa, FL 33612

William Miller

AUBURN — William R. Miller, 87, of Auburn, died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

Mr. Miller was employed as a printer with Pearse Printing, retiring in 1980.

Mr. Miller

He served in the U.S. Army's 38th Division as a technical sergeant during World War II.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church. He was born Nov. 11, 1918, in Alabama.

Surviving are his wife, Roeine (Garman) Miller of Auburn; a sister, Marie Bowerman of Auburn; six nieces, including Sharon Smith and her husband, Marvin, of Auburn; and six nephews, including Richard Bowerman and his wife, Diane, of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emery Miller and Estella Sanders.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or American Legion Post 97, Auburn.

THE NEWS SUN

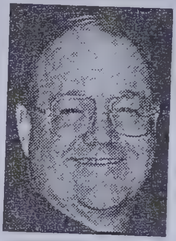
Kendallville, IN

July 6, 2006, Thursday

Ricky Lee Cook

AUBURN — Ricky Lee Cook, 52, of Auburn, died Monday, July 3, 2006, at his home, after a valiant effort battling cancer.

He was born in Noble County on Jan. 21, 1954, to Lloyd Jr. and Naomi (Berryhill) Cook of Auburn. His father preceded him in death.



Mr. Cook

He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1973 and enjoyed fishing and woodworking. He was an active member of the DeKalb County community for the majority of his life and was employed by American Electric Power for 27 years as a meter electrician. He was an Auburn reserve police officer for 10 years and coached the Auburn Girl's Softball League for four years. He was an active member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ of Auburn, where he served on several committees.

On April 11, 1976, he married Susan Renee Hartman of Ashley at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren. She survives.

Other survivors include his mother in Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca Sue and Bob Mondor of Auburn and Jennifer Erin and Shawn Schwab of Garrett; a grandson, Noah Mondor; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Randy and Shon Cook of Garrett and Ron Cook of Waterloo; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Cindy and Larry Blitz of Garrett and Melinda and Dave Vincent of Fort Wayne; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 910 North Indiana Ave., Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Visitation will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, as well as one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or First Christian church, Disciples of Christ in Auburn.

Naoma Taylor

GREENWOOD — Naoma Highland Nance Taylor, 74, of Greenwood and formerly of LaGrange County, died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at a hospital in Indianapolis.

She was born Sept. 1, 1931, to Jay Allen Sr. and Mamie Putt Allen Lorish.

Surviving are two daughters, Suzanne Taylor and Robin Johnson, both of Greenwood; a son, John Highland Nance of St. Louis, Mo.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Helen Schannen of Ft. Myers, Fla., Marian Mullinix of Angola, Charlette Connelly of LaGrange, and Lois Jean Smith of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by a great-grandchild and a brother, Jay "Tyke" Allen Jr.

Services are today at Jessen Funeral Home in Whiteland.

Naoma Taylor obit was actually in July 7, 2006, Friday News Sun, Kendallville

Edward Foss

FORT WAYNE — Edward W. Foss, 72, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, July 3, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was the previous owner of Foss Auto Clinic and Tri-State Automotive, retiring in 2000. He taught auto mechanics at Ivy Tech and was a member of the Summit City Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are his wife, Janet Foss; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Edward and Cindy Foss of Roanoke, Kim and Elizabeth Foss of Tucson, Ariz., and Scott N. Foss of Dripping Springs, Texas; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Roaxanna and Tim Poertner of Garrett, Laura Foss of Fort Wayne, and Sharice and Jon Pinney of Nashville, Ind.; four grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; and a brother, John Foss of Kent, Wash.

Preceding him in death were a son, Daniel B. Foss; and his parents.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Steven Cain officiating. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Childrens Hospital or to the Pet Jamboree Rescue Service.

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Theresa Skiles

FREMONT — Theresa Mae Skiles, 73, of Long Lake near Fremont died Thursday, July 6, 2006, shortly after admittance to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola after a sudden illness.

Mrs. Skiles

Mrs. Skiles was a graduate of Camden-Frontier High School in Camden, Mich., in 1950. She was an administrative assistant at the Bryan Times in Bryan, Ohio, retiring in 1988 after 22 years of service. She was an active member of the Clear Lake Baptist Church, where she served as secretary-treasurer of the Women's Missionary. She was a former member of the Bethlehem Christian Union Church near Edon, Ohio.

She was born May 28, 1933, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Frank G. .and Ester M. (Reppert) Aldrich. She married Hugh "Mac" Skiles on July 15, 1951, in Edon. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara A. and Kenneth R. Fikel Sr. of Montpelier, Ohio, and Elaine S. Skiles of Quincy, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin G. and Donna D. Skiles of Edon and Kenneth L. and Becky A. Skiles of Franklin, Ky.; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol G. and Robert Slaybaugh of Auburn; six grandchildren, Kenneth R. Fikel II and Carrie A. Fikel, both of Montpelier, Racheal M. Skiles of Fremont, Jamie B. Skiles of Quincy, Sgt. Ryan R. Skiles with the U.S. Army in Japan and Dustin Johnson of LaGrange; and seven great-grandchildren, Allysia Fikel, Tiana and Tevin Craig, Brenna and Bralin Fikel and Kaine and Kevin Hartman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Clear Lake Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bill Case officiating. Burial will be in Columbia Cemetery in Columbia, Ohio.

Calling will be at the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, from 2-8 p.m. Sunday.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Baptist Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Terry Ahr

GARRETT — Terry Sue Ahr, 61, of Garrett died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at her home.

She was a registered nurse and worked at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne 25 years. She was an assistant professor in the nursing program at IVY Tech for two years, a CPR instructor for the American Heart Association and a member of the Indiana University Alumni Association.

Surviving are her husband, Jerry Ahr; two sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Valerie Ahr of Fort Wayne and Joe and Ashley Ahr of Mundeliein, Ill.; and a sister and brother-in-law, Lynda and Bob Combs of Loogootee.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Melvin and Virginia Abel.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Richard Hartman officiating. Burial will be at Truelove Methodist Cemetery, Loogootee.

Calling is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Eloise Arnold

BUTLER — Eloise Arnold, 83, of Butler and formerly of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

Mrs. Arnold

Mrs. Arnold worked as a waitress at Five Points Cafe in Fort Wayne for 35 years.

She served in the U.S. Navy as a secretary and was discharged in 1943.

She was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ and the V.F.W. Auxiliary and was secretary of the Mooseheart Ladies Bowling for 30 years. She also belonged to several other clubs and organizations.

She was born in Ligonier on Sept. 15, 1922, to Milo F. and Katherine (Simmons) Miller.

She married Richard A. Arnold in 1943, and he preceded her in death in 1982.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Becky Arnold of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen Sue and Jerry Wolfe of Hamilton; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Delores Miller of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathryn and Delvin Gangwer of Ligonier and Barbara and Bud Woods of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert Miller and Quentin Miller; and three sisters, Margaret Poyser, Devona Medsker and Marylin Wright.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling will be Saturday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Helen Pickering

GARRETT — Helen M. Pickering, 91, of Garrett died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Pickering

Mrs. Pickering was employed as a proofreader for the Garrett Clipper and was a secretary for Insurance Trustees for nine years.

She was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church and choir for over 50 years, a charter member of the Kenwig Literary Club and was named Patron of the Arts by the Auburn Arts Commission. She served as a Democratic precinct committee person and bowled for many years with the Bowlerettes League in Garrett.

She was born July 27, 1914, in Albion to Franklin and Ruth (Keeran) Mayfield. On Sept. 16, 1939, in Auburn, she married Kenneth C. "Red" Pickering. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Surviving are a nephew, George Mayfield of Hasbrook Heights, N.J.; three great-nephews; and special friends Robert and Marjorie Link of LaOtto.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Edward K. Mayfield.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Garrett United Methodist Church with Pastor Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be from noon-2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church or the church choir.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Doris Hixson

CICERO — Doris Hixson, 83, of Cicero died Monday, July 3, 2006, at her home.

She had been an inspector with General Electric for 41 years, retiring in 1982.

Mrs. Hixson was a member of American Legion Post 82 Auxiliary.

She was a native of Garrett.

Surviving are her husband, John R. Hixson of Albion; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Marsha and Joe Larry of Hicksville, Ohio, Sue Hixson of Cicero, Patricia and Patrick Collins of Albion and Gloria and Michael Beau of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jenna Beau.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Christine Sliwinski

SHIPSHEWANA — Christine G. Sliwinski, 91, of Shipshewana died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Sliwinski had moved to LaGrange County in 1979 from Gary.

She had been employed at Arthur Winers & Son Garment Co. in Gary.

She was born April 26, 1915, in Gary to Nicholas and Mary (Vojtek) Gladdis. She married Sigmund "Zeke" Sliwinski on June 28, 1943, in Gary. He died Dec. 10, 1995.

Surviving are three daughters, Sandra Easterlin of Hobart, Sharon O'Bannon of Tuscon, Ariz., and Denise St. John of Shipshewana; a son, Eric Sliwinski of Crown Point; a sister, Dalene Gladdis of Merrillville; a brother, John Gladdis of Portage; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Mark Sliwinski; six sisters; and four brothers.

There are no services or calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Family canoe trip turns tragic

Searchers look for drowning victim

BY JEFF JONES
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SPENCERVILLE — A Butler man is missing after his canoe overturned in the St. Joseph River Friday afternoon.

According to WANE Newschannel 15, Danny Warner, 36, was canoeing with his wife and daughter when the rented vessel tipped over. The accident happened approximately a quarter-mile north of the Spencerville Covered Bridge around 12:30 p.m.

Emergency personnel from 12 agencies responded to the scene, but were unsuccessful in locating the victim's body. The search was postponed at 8:45 p.m. because of darkness. If river conditions allow, Indiana conservation officers and members of the Fort Wayne Fire Department said they will resume the search early today, using a drag bar and divers.

According to Indiana Conservation Officer Patrick Heidenreich, the victim was in one of two canoes rented from the nearby R&R Elk Ranch and Campground.

"The father, mother and daughter were in one canoe and the friend and the son were in the other canoe. The friend and the son were able to make it over the rapids at the dam site. The father and mother's canoe, they tried to steer to the right, apparently they went sideways and the canoe flipped," Heidenreich said. "The mother and daughter both washed through. The

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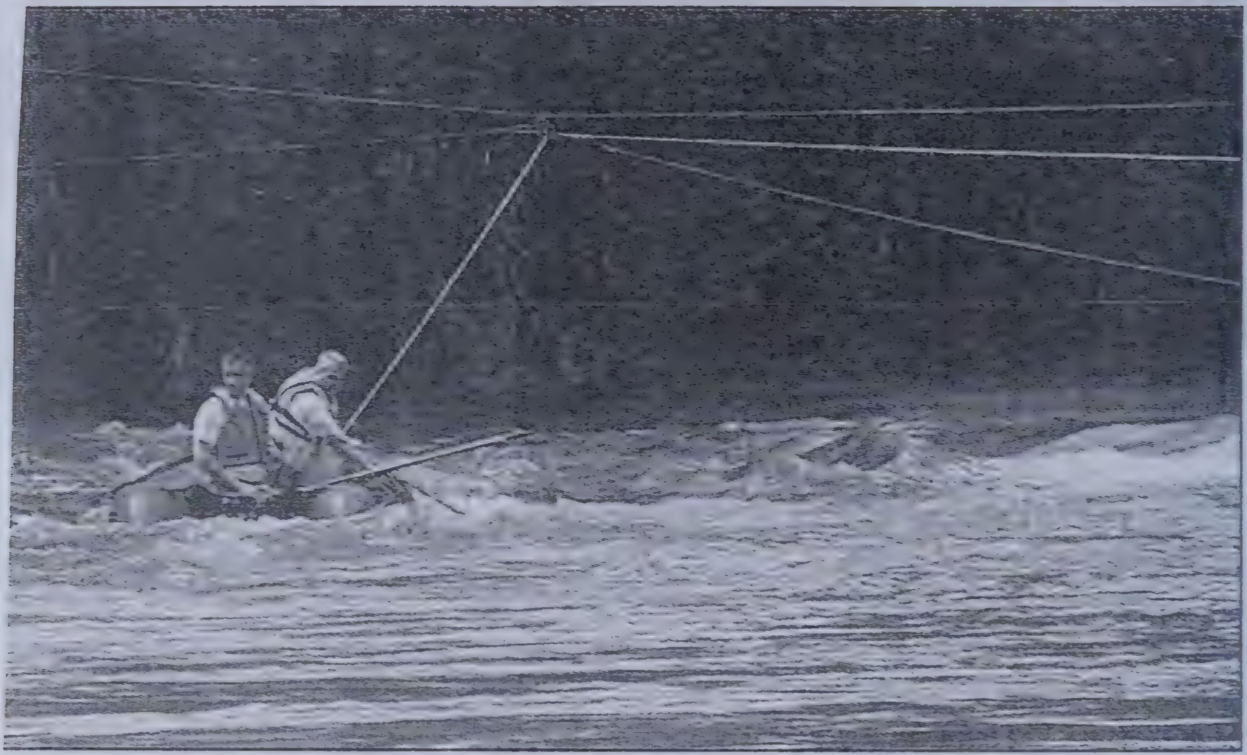

JEFF JONES

Rescue workers from the Fort Wayne Fire Department probe the St. Joseph River for a missing man following a canoe accident Friday afternoon. The accident is believed to have occurred around 12:30 p.m.

The search was called off around 8:45 p.m. because of darkness. Emergency personnel hope to drag the river and put divers in the water as they continue the search today.

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father did not; they saw him slip off the dam, bob twice and that was all they saw of him."

The river bends to the east shortly after the dam, then turns south and continues under the covered bridge.

"The victim was not wearing a life jacket, nor, from what the family said, was he a proficient swimmer," Heidenreich said.

Four different search dogs from Allen County agencies were sent out on conservation officers' boats in an attempt to locate the body, according to Heidenreich. "There is one area the dogs hit on that we'll be searching (today), but the depth they're hitting on is about 16 feet of water," he said. "If water conditions are right, we will try to put divers in the water. The current was just too swift over the rapids and we can't risk ourselves being victims."

After one of the dogs "hit" in a search about 100 yards downstream from the dam, firefighters checked the bank and the river, with water being chest deep in places. Earlier, the Steuben County Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team and a rescue team from Fort Wayne secured lines across the river and conducted extensive bank-to-bank searches, probing the water with long pike poles from boats in an effort to hook the victim. Firefighters also checked along the river south of the bridge, but were unsuccessful in locating the victim.

According to a spokesperson for R&R Elk Ranch, life jackets were issued to each occupant. The canoes measure 14 feet in length with a capacity of three people. A canoe ride to the dam from the elk ranch, located at C.R. 64, east of S.R. 1, takes approximately 90 minutes.

Assisting at the scene were Indiana conservation officers and officers from the Allen and DeKalb County and Auburn police departments; Indiana State Police, including an airplane for an overhead search; DeKalb EMS; and the Angola, Auburn, Fort Wayne, St. Joseph's Township (Allen County) and Southeast fire departments. Butler firefighters covered Concord's station during the search effort.

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Ruth Lang

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Ruth Shaffer Lang, 86, died Sunday, July 2, 2006, at Boone Hospital Center, Columbia, Mo.

Mrs. Lang attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., where she graduated with honors. She was a member of Alpha Pi Epsilon and Kappa Kappa Kappa sororities. She helped organize the first all-girl swing band at Stephens, known as the Briggadettes. She played the piano for the band on KFRU radio.

At the age of 20, she was recognized as the world's youngest cashier at Stephens Bank and was featured in "Ripley's Believe It or Not."

Later, she served as organist at First Baptist Church for many years and was a member of the American Guild of Organists. She was a longtime member of the Margaret Elwang King's Daughters Circle.

She was born on June 24, 1920, in Auburn.

She married Arthur P. Lang of Columbia on Dec. 24, 1941. He preceded her in death after 62 years of marriage.

Surviving are a son, David P. Lang of Columbia; a daughter, Sharon Lang Matzen of Kansas City, Mo.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Ford and Inez Wyatt.

A memorial service will take place today at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 1112 E. Broadway, Columbia. A short reception will follow.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church organ fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are being handled by Parker Funeral Service, 22 N. 10th St., Columbia, MO 65201.

Doris Dorsey

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Doris H. Dorsey, 92, of Hicksville and formerly of Butler, died Thursday, July 6, 2006.

She was born June 28, 1914, in DeKalb County to Judd and Rose (Hand) Fee, who are both deceased.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Butler Nazarene Church. She married Kenneth Dorsey on Feb. 14, 1956, and he died Sept. 4, 1986.

Surviving are three sons, Gary VanZile of Butler, Dennis VanZile of Auburn and Tom VanZile of Michigan; a stepson, Robert Dorsey of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Judith Brandaberry of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Elsie Huff of Butler; seven grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and several great- and great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Herman, Earl, Russell, Maynard and Edison Fee, and two sisters, Ruth Roden and Amber Heffley.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be at a later date in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling is one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Butler Nazarene Church.

Alice Heckman

GARRETT — Alice L. Heckman, 87, of Garrett died Friday, July 7, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mrs. Heckman was a real estate agent for Miller Realty in Huntertown until her retirement in 1990. She was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Jan. 1, 1919, in LaPorte to Scott H. and Daisy (Coucher) Webb. They preceded her in death.

She married Harry Jackson Sr. in 1938. He preceded her in death in 1979. She married Carl W. Heckman in 1982 and he preceded her in death in 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Harry Jackson Jr. and Sammye Jackson of Garrett; two daughters, Sandra L. Butcher of Florida and Karen J. Miller of Pierceton; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Haskell, Harry and Nelson Webb, and two sisters, Bessie Hicks and Ramona Voorhees.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, rural Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Claude Moore

BUTLER — Claude D. Moore, 63, of Butler died Thursday, July 6, 2006, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

He was employed at Universal Tool and Stamping, retiring in 1996 after 34 years of service. He then worked for the City of Butler Street Department for nine years.

He enjoyed working in his yard and garden and was an avid Indiana University basketball fan.

He was born Dec. 17, 1942, in Wayland, Ky., to Fielder and Burlie (Manns) Moore. They preceded him in death.

He married Vica Everetts on Nov. 2, 1968, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Chantal and Chad Czaja of Butler; two grandchildren, Haleigh and Gunnar Czaja; four brothers, Richard of Lexington, Ohio, Bill of Louisville, Ky., Marvin of Morehead, Ky., and Charles of Columbus, Ohio; and four sisters, Ann Allen of Plymouth, Maggie Schrader and Patty Lykins, both of Willard, Ohio, and Betty Bates of Antwerp, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Larry.

A celebration of life service will be Monday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating.

Burial will be in the Butler cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Fire Department.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Cleva Byers-Firestone

AUBURN — Cleva J. "Casey" Byers-Firestone, 82, died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Born in Fort Wayne, she retired as a pharmaceutical clerk with Lutheran Hospital in 1985.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Suzan J. and Denny Wegman of Churubusco and Martha A. and George R. Sornberger of Frankfort, Ky.; a son and daughter-in-law, Hershel W. and Sondra Case Jr. of Central, Utah; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her beloved dog, Precious.

She was preceded in death by a first husband, Hershel W. Case Sr., and a second husband, Harry J. Firestone.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with Pastor Stephen Kummernuss officiating.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial is in Bowers Cemetery.

Memorials are to Alzheimer's Research, 15825 Shady Grove Road, Suite 140, Rockville, MD 20850.

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Drowning victim recovered by DNR

BY BILL GISEL
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SPENCERVILLE — Searchers recovered the body of Danny T. Warner, 36, of Butler, from the St. Joseph River at about 3:30 p.m. Saturday, according to Indiana Conservation Officer Rodney D. Clear.

Clear said the body resurfaced on its own in approximately eight feet of water, 50 yards downstream from the rock dam where his canoe flipped Friday.

Warner was canoeing with his family when the canoe in which he, his wife and a daughter were riding overturned about a quarter-mile north of the Spencerville Covered Bridge at about 12:30 p.m. Friday.

Both women were able to get to shore but Warner disappeared in the water near a rock dam. Firefighters

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from Auburn, Concord Township and Fort Wayne along with conservation officers searched the river unsuccessfully for Warner, until darkness forced a halt to the rescue effort.

Clear said Officers Patrick Heidenreich, Gary Bontrager and Darren Reed recovered Warner's body. The search resumed early Saturday morning.

An autopsy will determine the exact cause of death, Clear said. There was no evidence of foul play.

According to Officer Patrick Heidenreich, the victim was in one of two canoes rented from the nearby R&R Elk Ranch and Campground.

According to a spokesperson for R&R Elk Ranch, life jackets were issued to each occupant. The canoes measure 14 feet in length with a capacity of three people. A canoe ride to the dam from the elk ranch, located at C.R. 64, east of S.R. 1, takes approximately 90 minutes.

"The father, mother and daughter were in one canoe and the friend and the son were in the other canoe. The friend and the son were able to make it over the rapids at the dam site. The father and mother's canoe, they tried to steer to the right, apparently they went sideways and the canoe flipped," Heidenreich said. "The mother and daughter both washed through. The father did not; they saw him slip off the dam, bob twice and that was all they saw of him."

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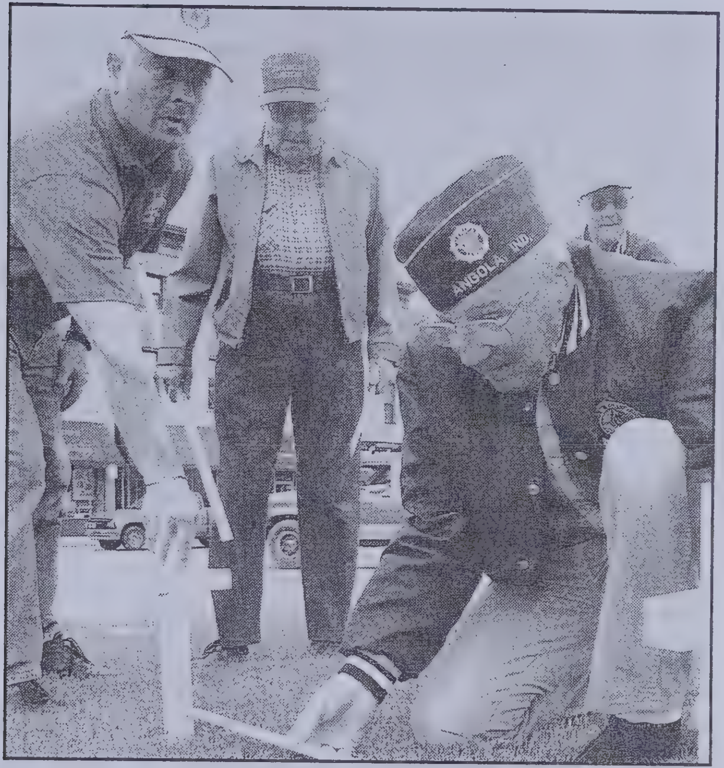
Mr. Richmond was father of 12 by choice



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Norris Richmond, center holds a tape measure while fellow Angola American Legion Post 31 members place crosses around the Soldiers Monument this past Memorial Day weekend.

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BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Norris Richmond's military career began just after his 18th birthday in 1943.

Norris was drafted into the U.S. Army to serve in World War II. He was living on his family's farm when he was called to serve.

“They called for me as soon as I hit 18,” Norris said in an interview with the Herald-Republican in the spring of 2000. “My 18th birthday was Nov. 2, 1942, and they had me on a bus headed for basic training by March 3, 1943.”

Norris, who served until July 1945 and had been an active member of American Legion Post No. 31 in Angola since he joined during World War II, died June 25 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

“He was a happy man,” said Norris' daughter, Barb Wolf of Angola. “He was wonderful, and it was wonderful to be with him.”

Norris married Barb's mother, Bonita, in 1968 when Barb was 15. Norris and Bonita each brought six children into the marriage. Nine of the couple's 12 children are still living.

Although Barb and her siblings were technically Norris' stepchildren, Barb said he treated them all as if they were his own.

“It was comforting to have him,” Barb said. “He treated us all like we were his kids. He was just like, the more, the merrier.”

That philosophy definitely came into play as Norris and Bonita's children began having children. At last count, the Richmonds were the grandparents of 25 and the great-grandparents of 51.

“He loved them all, but there were so many that sometimes he couldn't remember who was who,” Barb said with a chuckle.

Barb said her parents enjoyed a great friendship as well as a marriage.

“They picked on each other a lot,” she said. “They both had a good sense of humor.”

The Richmonds had a cottage on Golden Lake, and they enjoyed camping and fishing together.

“They were hard workers, and they both had to have things just so,” Barb said.

While he was forthcoming with stories about his World War II experience, Norris didn't sugarcoat the horrors he witnessed.

“There was this Italian boy who was standing no more than from me to that window,” he said in his 2000 interview. “He stuck his head up out of a foxhole, and the top of his head got blown clean off. Those are horrible things to see.”

A story that Norris shared with the Herald — and one Barb said was familiar to her as well — was about a case of severe frostbite he sustained while fighting at the Battle of the Bulge.

“I froze my feet and legs and wound up laid up in the hospital for six months,” Norris told the Herald. Norris spent several weeks in a tent hospital in France, then was shipped back to England to recuperate further before being sent back to the United States.

That bout with frostbite effectively ended Norris' time in the service. He was candid in his 2000 interview, admitting that if he hadn't been drafted, be likely wouldn't have enlisted on his own.

“I doubt I would have, honestly,” he said. “I was more or less a farm boy. I could have deferred, but once I started I figured I might as well just do it and get it over with. But I can't honestly say I would have just gone ahead and enlisted ... to me, that's volunteering to get killed.”

Norris came back to Steuben County after the war. He was commander of the Angola American Legion post five times. He was also a part-time bartender there and did much volunteer work for the post. In his 2000 interview, he described his duties there as “a lot of repair work and cleaning ... plus I babysit the card players.”

Barb said the people at the legion were her father's extended family.

“He was there everyday they were open,” she said. “And that was so good for him after Mom died (in 2001) ... it gave him somewhere to go, something to do, and people to be around.”

Norris was in fair health for his age until late May, when he took a fall and cracked a bone in his neck. After that injury, he suffered a ruptured bowel and went into septic shock after emergency surgery. Seven days after the surgery, his bowel ruptured again, and his family made the decision to not prolong his life.

“To us, he just didn't seem 81,” Barb said. “That was the hard part. But he had a living will, and it was what he wanted. The doctors told us that if he did live, he would have had to be in a nursing home. He wouldn't have wanted that.”

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Alice Kistler

HUDSON — Alice M. (Parker) Kistler, 90, of Hudson died at 11:15 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2006 at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Kistler

She operated with her late husband the Kistler Funeral Home (now Johnson Funeral Home) in Hudson until they retired in 1984. She was a member of the Hudson United Methodist Church and the Hudson Work and Play Club.

Mrs. Kistler was born March 16, 1916, in Hudson to Charles W. and Daisy (Cottrell) Kirchner.

She married Samuel Dan Parker on June 18, 1932, and he died Aug. 2, 1959. She then married Kennth O. Kistler on June 10, 1960, and he died Jan. 28, 1989.

Surviving are five sons, Charles (Chuck) Parker of Hudson, Tom Parker of Ashley, Jim Parker of Springfield, Ohio, Sam Parker of Hillsdale, Mich., and Tom Kistler of Muncie; two daughters, Dana Parker of Barkley, Ill., and Carolyn Moyes of Coca, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husbands, were a daughter-in-law, Lela Parker; a great-great-grandson, Troy Baker; and four sisters, Edith Funk, Jennie Miller, Dorothy Shore and Loretta Milliren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hudson United Methodist Church, the Rev. Becky Brault officiating. Burial will be in Block Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Johnson Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.johnsonfh.net.

Jennifer Ellis

WATERLOO — Jennifer L. Ellis, 39, of Waterloo died Friday, July 7, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She worked for Grabill Bank.

She was born July 21, 1966, in Fort Wayne to Allen and Carol (Lible) Jones.

Surviving are her husband, Bruce Ellis; two daughters, Belinda Ellis and Jessica Ellis, both of Waterloo; her father and stepmother, Allen and Phyllis Jones of Waterloo; and two stepbrothers, Scott Ranney of Tampa, Fla., and David Ranney of Pleasant Lake.

Preceding her in death was her mother.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

George Buckles

AVILLA — George W. Buckles, 64, of Avilla died at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 8, 2006, at Life Care of Fort Wayne.

He was a machine repairman at Auburn Gear for 40 years. He liked to bowl and travel, and he loved his grandchildren.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Avilla and American Legion Post 240.

A lifelong resident of Noble County, he was born July 20, 1941, in Swan Township to Russell Owen and LaVina (Owen) Buckles Maulsby.

On June 8, 1963, he married Ann Luttman at Immanuel Lutheran Church. She preceded him in death on Dec. 10, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters, Cherree Buckles of Avilla and Jenny Salisbury of Albion; a son, Steven Buckles of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Evan Buckles and Dylan and Samantha Salisbury; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Richard and Pat Buckles and Don and Bethel buckles of Avilla, and James Buckles of Kendallville.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife, were his parents; a son, Robert Buckles; two grandchildren, Kathie and Mathew; and a brother, Paul Buckles.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with burial at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

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Robert Griggs

ASHLEY — Robert Joseph Griggs, 66, of Ashley died Saturday, July 7, 2006, after a short illness.

He was born Feb. 28, 1940, in Dunkirk and he lived near Ashley for 40 years. After graduation from Riverdale High School, he joined the U.S. Navy ad traveled to Bermuda, the Mediterranean Sea, Italy, Saudia Arabia and India.

He played and coached softball in Auburn and Butler and enjoyed elk and deer hunting in Colorado.

Surviving are his wife, Karen; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jennifer Griggs of Angola and Pamela Van Zuilen and David Van Zuilen; five grandsons; and one granddaughter. Also, brothers and sisters-in-law William and Peg Griggs of Auburn, Warren Boyce and Lucy Griggs of St. Joe, Aubrey Wedzel and Sandy Griggs of Leo, Kevin and Jan Griggs of Harlan, and David and Pamela Griggs of Auburn; and sisters and brothers-in-law Fletta and Gene Zerns of Auburn, Katie and Charles Laux of St. Joe, Veda Sue and William Mauller of Leo, Judy Ann and Martin Anspaugh of St. Joe, and Vicki Jean and Reuben Miller of Grabill.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Aubrey and Margeurite Griggs; eldest sister Lois Stauffer; and youngest brother, Kerry Lane Griggs.

There will be no calling.

A memorial service will be at his home July 15.

The Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Acres Land Trust, 2000 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, for nature preserve acquisition.

Dorothy Simonetti

AUBURN — Dorothy A. Simonetti, 95, of Auburn died Friday, July 7, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She had been a library assistant at the Athol Pulic Library in Athol, Mass. She was a member of the Unitarian Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 25, 1911, in High River, Alberta, Canada, to Thomas and Harriet (Lines) Allen.

On Aug. 5, 1938, she married Leon S. Simonetti. He died Jan. 13, 1968.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Donna S. and Jeremy Russell of Waterloo; a son, Robert L. Simonetti of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband and parents, were a son, Laurance A. Simonette; three brothers, James, Gordon and Russell Allen; one sister, Olive Allen; and a grandson.

There will be no services at this time.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

The Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Joann Rissner

KENDALLVILLE — Joann Ruth Rissner, 75, of Kendallville died Friday, July 7, 2006 at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Services are pending at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Leonard Wysong Jr.

MILLERSBURG — Leonard Charles Wysong Jr., 57, of Millersburg died Friday, July 7, 2006 at his residence. He had been ill with cancer.

He was retired from Silgan Plastics in Ligonier after 25 years of employment.

Mr. Wysong loved camping, gardening, mushroom hunting, spending time with his grandchildren and sharing stories with friends. He was a member of VFW Post 985 and the DAV Post 15 of Goshen and the American Legion in Millersburg. He was a graduate of Goshen High School.

He was born Oct. 29, 1948, in Goshen to Leonard C. and Agnes Pauline Wysong.

On June 26, 1970, he married Rebecca S. Moist. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Tonya Wysong of Carsonville, Mich., and Crystal and Mike Zarse of Albion; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Greg and Katrina Wysong of Kimmell, Jason Wysong of Millersburg and Quentin Wysong of Millersburg; two sisters, Delores E. Evans of Goshen and Patricia Wysong of Kendallville; one brother, Jerry T. Bess of Charleston, W. Va.; and five grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one sister, Cheryl Ann Wysong.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen, the Rev. Lenny Krebs officiating. Burial will be at Brown Cemetery of Millersburg.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Care at Home Hospice or the Millersburg American Legion.

Condolences may be sent to www.rrefh.com.

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Joan Rissner

AUBURN — Joann Ruth Rissner, 75, of Auburn and formerly of Kendallville died at 10:10 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2006, at Wesley Manor in Auburn where she had been a resident the past two years.

Mrs. Rissner

Mrs. Rissner had lived in Noble and DeKalb counties most of her life.

She had retired in 1996 from Shepherd of the Hill nursing home after more than 16 years as assistant activities director. Prior to that she had worked at the Kendallville Public Library.

At one time Mrs. Rissner had been active in the Noble County Council on Aging and started the group's newsletter.

She was born Feb. 22, 1931, in South Bend to Kenneth and Marjorie (Cunningham) Blech.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Gary Fuleki of St. Joe; two sons and a daughter-in-law, George Rissner of Albion and Kenneth and Diane Rissner of Kendallville; a brother, John Blech of Crown Point; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, John Rissner; and a sister, Janice Smith.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Erik Rissner, Jason Rissner, Chris Fuleki, Travis Smith, Jeremy Green and Kevin Hamshire.

Calling will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Council on Aging or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Pamela Gabbard

CROMWELL — Pamela Sue Gabbard, 54, of Cromwell died at 6:01 p.m. Saturday, July 8, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Gabbard was a lifetime area resident.

She was employed at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier.

Mrs. Gabbard enjoyed collecting Boyd Bears, baskets and statues of fairies. She also enjoyed gardening, cooking, boating and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She was born June 18, 1952, in Wolf Lake to Earl and Mildred (Jensen) Kring. She married Sidney Gabbard on April 7, 1971, in Elizabethtown, Ky. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Crystal Gabbard of Cromwell; two brothers, Philip Stump of Fort Wayne and Stephan Stump of Flagstaff, Ariz.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kay and Tal Turner of Indianapolis and Sherry and Terry Bair of Ligonier; and four grandchildren, Tony, Drew, Alex and Zack.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Charles Carpenter

FORT WAYNE — Charles W. Carpenter, 72, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 8, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Carpenter had been a contract hauler for Fort Wayne Newspapers for 44 years.

He had served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of American Legion Post 47 and VFW Post 10006.

Mr. Carpenter was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Charles D. Sr. and Kathy Carpenter of Fort Wayne and Gregory Carpenter of Lake Charles, La., Dennis and Rose Carpenter of Rome City and Jeremy Bennett-Carpenter of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Craig Keller of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Phoebe Diamente and Helen Seymour; grandchildren, Charles D. Carpenter Jr., Christopher Carpenter, Anthony Carpenter, Joshua Carpenter, Lisa Carpenter, Eric Keller and Eion Keller; and two great-grandchildren, Autumn Carpenter and Addyson Carpenter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ann Carpenter; two granddaughters; three sisters; and two brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Jude Catholic Church. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the estate of Jeremy Bennett-Carpenter.

Roy Sordelet

FORT WAYNE — Roy D. Sordelet, 80, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 8, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. Sordelet had retired as office manager at Anthony Motor Parts.

He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and the Children of the Resurrection Prayer Group.

He was born Sept. 18, 1925, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Rosalind "Jane" Sordelet of Fort Wayne; four sons and daughters-in-law, Randall and Denise Sordelet of Leo, Kevin and Debbie Sordelet and Matthew and Mary Sordelet, all of Fort Wayne, and Martin and Becky Sordelet of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jalaine and Hilary Chavez of Clinton, Mich., Melinda and Dave Windsor of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Russell, Richard and Larry Sordelet, all of Fort Wayne; 33 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church Building Fund.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

Alice Kistler

HUDSON — Alice M. (Parker) Kistler, 90, of Hudson died at 11:15 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

She operated with her late husband the Kistler Funeral Home (now Johnson Funeral Home) in Hudson until they retired in 1984. She was a member of the Hudson United Methodist Church and the Hudson Work and Play Club.

Mrs. Kistler was born March 16, 1916, in Hudson to Charles W. and Daisy (Cottrell) Kirchner.

She married Samuel Dan Parker on June 18, 1932, and he died Aug. 2, 1959. She then married Kenneth O. Kistler on June 10, 1960, and he died Jan. 28, 1989.

Surviving are five sons, Charles (Chuck) Parker of Hudson, Tom Parker of Ashley, Jim Parker of Springfield, Ill., Sam Parker of Hillsdale, Mich., and Tom Kistler of Muncie; two daughters, Dana Parker of Bradley, Ill., and Carolyn Moyes of Coca, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husbands, were a daughter-in-law, Lela Parker; a great-great-grandson, Troy Baker; and four sisters, Edith Funk, Jennie Miller, Dorothy Shore and Loretta Milliren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hudson United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Becky Brault officiating. Burial will be in Block Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the Johnson Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.johnsonfh.net.

Chester Begley

STROH — Chester Begley, 89, of Stroh died at 11:50 p.m. Saturday, July 8, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mr. Begley was born in Pine Mountain, Ky. on Jan. 10, 1917, to Oscar and Mallie (Huff) Begley. He married Lucille Blowers on Jan. 1, 1942, and she survives.

He worked at McCray Refrigeration and Gordon Baking Co. and retired from Campbell Mushroom Farm.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in World War II. He was a member of Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7205 and Orland American Legion Post No. 423, and was a past commander of the VFW post in LaGrange.

He was a past fire chief for the Stroh Fire Department.

Also surviving are a daughter, Brenda Grossman of Atlanta; five sons, David Begley Sr. of Stroh, Harold Begley of Gary, Phillip Begley of Elkhart, Sheldon Begley of Topeka and Larry Begley of Keosauqua, Iowa; a brother, Robert Begley of West Virginia; three sisters, Becky Blowers of Wolcottville, Arlene Scearse of Harlan, Ky., and Louise Huff of Crossville, Tenn.; 26 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Turner Begley; a sister, Mary Elizabeth; a daughter-in-law, Anna Marie Begley; a granddaughter, Rachel Begley; a brother-in-law, Roscoe Blowers; and a sister-in-law, Wavalyn Gose.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and will be conducted by members of the Orland American Legion Post. Calling will be Thursday from 4 p.m. until the time of services.

Memorials are to the Stroh Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to www.johnsonfh.net.

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John Bishop

GARRETT — John R. Bishop, 67, of Garrett died Monday, July 10, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bishop worked for Navistar in Fort Wayne and Springfield, Ohio, for 30 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a member of the Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville, UAW Local 57 in Fort Wayne and UAW Local 402 in Springfield, Ohio.

He was born in Fort Wayne on Oct. 18, 1938, to Johnnie and Lila (Handley) Bishop. They preceded him in death.

He married Bonnie Warner on Jan. 5, 1957, in Auburn. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Tim and Linda Bishop of St. Joe and Robert Bishop of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Lila and Wayne Slavin of Auburn; four brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Louanne Bishop of Garrett, Jim and Kaye Bishop of LaOtto, Tom and Vicki Bishop of Auburn and Robert and Joyce Bishop of Auburn; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Jim Parks of Auburn and Debbie and Pat Kleeman of Garrett; four grandchildren, Jocelyn Tucker and her husband, Matt, of Butler, and Sarah, Corey and Carrie Bishop, all of St. Joe; and three great-grandchildren, Lucas, Masey and Saddira Tucker, all of Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Beacon Baptist Church, 1511 W. Drake Road, Kendallville, with the Rev. Ron Stratman officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be at the church Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday from 10-11 a.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Danny Warner

BUTLER — Danny J. Warner, 36, of Butler died Friday, July 7, 2006, when he drowned at the Spencerville dam on the St. Joseph River.

Mr. Warner was employed at Nucor Building Systems in Waterloo for 12 years. He was a member of the Paulding Family Worship Center.

He was born April 13, 1970, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Carl and Hope (Traster) Warner. They survive in Butler. He married Theresa Schmidt on Oct. 20, 1992, in Auburn, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Brian of Butler; a daughter, Heather of Butler; three brothers, Ken of Fremont, Carl of Hicksville and Mike of Auburn; and two sisters, Pam Renfrow of Wolcottville and Joanie Warner of Butler.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Monte Moore officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Michelle Sine

THURMONT, Md. — Michelle "Shelley" Sine, 50, of Thurmont, Md., and formerly of Angola and Orland died Saturday, July 8, 2006, at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Sine

Ms. Sine was born Aug. 31, 1955, in Angola to Ralph and Wilma Jean (Calhoon) Thomas. She was an interior designer and also formerly wrote a food column for the Herald-Republican. She was an active interior designer with the Builders Association of Northeast Indiana Parade of Homes tour.

She was a graduate of Prairie Heights High School and received degrees from Tri-State University and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. She loved cooking, antiques and interior decorating. She spent most of her life in the Orland and Angola area and had moved to Maryland about five years ago.

Surviving are her parents in Orland; a sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Darren Karlson of Fort Pierce, Fla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Martin and Judy Thomas of Fort Wayne; four nephews, Leland and Dustin Karlson, both of Fort Pierce, and Michael and Jonathan Thomas, both of Fort Wayne; and her friend and companion, James Beachley of Thurmont.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Fred Pasche officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be Thursday from 5-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or cancer facility of the donor's choice.

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James Burke

ARCHBOLD, Ohio — James "Keith" Burke, 49, of Archbold, Ohio, died Saturday, July 8, 2006, at the Archbold Hospital.

He had been a lifelong area carpenter.

Mr. Burke was born in Memphis, Tenn., on Dec. 4, 1956, to James C. and Dorothy (Noel) Burke. On Oct. 29, 1976, he married Cheryl Sines, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Micah and Laurie Burke of Defiance, Ohio, Joshua and Angela Burke of Toledo, Ohio, and Caleb Burke at home; two daughters, Jeanne Burke of Chicago and Alanna Burke of Napoleon, Ohio; five grandchildren; his mother in West Unity, Ohio; three brothers, Grice "Smokey" Burke of Clifton, Ariz., Ronnie Burke of Hamilton and Rodney Burke of Fort Wayne; six sisters, Diane Jenkins of Nesbit, Miss., Janet Petre and Eleanor Ferrier, both of Angola, Evelyn Kellogg of Edon, Ohio, Nell Goshorn of Hamilton and Lorry Williams of Battle Creek, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his father; two grandmothers; a sister, Deborah Burke; and a brother, Charles Kelly Burke.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Grisier Funeral Home, Archbold, with the Rev. Dale Stutzman officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Metz.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left online at www.GrisierFH.com.

David Chizmar

AVELLA, Pa. — David R. Chizmar, formerly of Auburn, died Tuesday, July 4, 2006, while vacationing in Alaska.

Mr. Chizmar was a maintenance supervisor for Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. in Auburn. He was transferred to Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1977 and retired from there in 2000.

He married Kathryn Krumma on Sept. 10, 1966, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and three granddaughters.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in St. John Church at Avella, Pa. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Jerome A. Stefkovich Funeral Home, 18 Campbell St., Avella, Pa.

Robert Ashbrook

FREMONT — Robert D. Ashbrook, 38, of Fremont died Monday, July 10, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Ashbrook was born Aug. 22, 1967.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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July 12, 2006, Wednesday

Robert Ashbrook

FREMONT — Robert D. "Bonz" Ashbrook, 38, of Fremont died Monday, July 10, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Ashbrook

Mr. Ashbrook was born Aug. 22, 1967, in Wichita, Kan., to Harold and Betty (Ringler) Ashbrook. He was an employee of BMW Services in Fremont.

He enjoyed fishing, softball and helping people.

Surviving are his mother in Fremont; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Tina and Larry Brubaker and Cathy and Bobby Cole, all of Fremont; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Terry and Nina Ashbrook, Tony and Lisa Ashbrook and Curtis and Melanie Ashbrook, all of Fremont, Thomas Raymond Ashbrook of Angola and Coty and Shawn Ashbrook of Albany, Minn.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Private family services will be held, with the Rev. Dale Gerig officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 3-5 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family in care of Betty Ashbrook.

Olivette Zinn

FORT WAYNE — Olivette A. "Peggy" Zinn, 98, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 10, 2006, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Zinn was born in Fort Wayne on May 17, 1908, to August and Amber (Ryan) Young. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Columbian Ladies and Marian's.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert M. and Jenny Zinn of Columbia City, Dale F. and Judy Zinn of Fremont and David A. and Geri Zinn of St. Louis, Mo.; a daughter, Diane Lassus of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert, in 2002 and a brother, Raymond Young.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with the Revs. Timothy Wrozek and Adam Schmidt officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with rosary at 4:30 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and one hour before services at the church on Friday.

Memorials are to Gibault Home for Children or Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Raymond Johnson

GOSHEN — Raymond Dee Johnson, 75, of Goshen died Sunday, July 9, 2006, at his home following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Johnson had lived in the Goshen area for 54 years.

He had owned and operated R.D. Johnson and Son Excavating Inc., which he established in 1965. He retired in 2003.

Mr. Johnson served in the Army Air Force from 1947-1950.

He raced stock cars at area race tracks in the early 1950s, wrote and recorded several songs in the early '50s and played in area bands including the Nickel Plate Road Band in the 1980s where he was lead singer and played guitar, fiddle and keyboard.

He was born Nov. 22, 1930, in Ligonier to Cecil and Lottie (Vance) Johnson. He married Margaret Rostochak on Dec. 22, 1951, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Steven Johnson of Goshen; two daughters, Janet Johnson of Goshen and Sandy Brumbaugh of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Cecil and Imogene Johnson Jr. of Ligonier; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen with the Rev. Kevin Farmwald officiating. Burial will be in West Goshen Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
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July 12, 2006, Wednesday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors.*

Joann Rissner

AUBURN — Joann Ruth Rissner, 75, of Auburn and formerly of Kendallville died at 10:10 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2006, at Wesley Manor in Auburn where she had been a resident the past two months.

Mrs. Rissner

Mrs. Rissner had lived in Noble and DeKalb counties most of her life.

She had retired in 1996 from Shepherd of the Hill nursing home after more than 16 years as assistant activities director. Prior to that she had worked at the Kendallville Public Library.

At one time Mrs. Rissner had been active in the Noble County Council on Aging and started the group's newsletter.

She was born Feb. 22, 1931, in South Bend to Kenneth and Marjorie (Cunningham) Blech.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Gary Fuleki of St. Joe; two sons and a daughter-in-law, George Rissner of Albion and Kenneth and Diane Rissner of Kendallville; a brother, John Blech of Crown Point; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, John Rissner; and a sister, Janice Smith.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Erik Rissner, Jason Rissner, Chris Fuleki, Travis Smith, Jeremy Green and Kevin Hampshire.

Memorials are to the Noble County Council on Aging or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Georgia Anderson

AUBURN — Georgia Ada Anderson, 91, died Monday evening, July 10, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Anderson worked as an assembler for General Electric, a seamstress for Knights Leather Co. and a cook for the Fraternal Order of Police Club. She was an auxiliary member of the Fraternal Order of Police. She enjoyed bingo and many activities at Betz Nursing Home.

She was born Nov. 29, 1914, in Churubusco to Joseph P. and Addie (Pepple) Morningstar. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, LeRoy C. Anderson, died in 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, G. Jean Douglas of Spencerville; two grandsons and their wives, Rick and Cindy Chappell of Fort Wayne and Randy and Lois Chappell of Auburn; a grandson-in-law, Terry Baker of Spencerville; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Wayne Douglas; and a granddaughter, L. Renea Baker.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Betz Nursing Home for the activities director or to the family, in care of the Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, P.O. Box 165, Spencerville, IN 46788.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 12, 2006, Wednesday

Eloise Arnold, 83

BUTLER - Eloise Arnold, 83, of Butler and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home, Butler.

Mrs. Arnold worked as a waitress at Five Points Cafe in Fort Wayne for 35 years.

She served in the U.S. Navy as a secretary and was discharged in 1943.

She was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ and the V.F.W. Auxiliary and was secretary of the Mooseheart Ladies Bowling for 30 years. She also belonged to several other clubs and organizations.

She was born in Ligonier on Sept. 15, 1922, to Milo F. and Katherine (Simmons) Miller.

She married Richard A. Arnold in 1943, and he preceded her in death in 1982.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Becky Arnold of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen Sue and Jerry Wolfe of Hamilton; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Delores Miller of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathryn and Delvin Gangwer of Ligonier and Barbara and Bud Woods of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert Miller and Quentin Miller; and three sisters, Margaret Poyser, Devona Medsker and Marylin Wright.

Services were held at the Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial was in Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

George W. Buckles, 64

George W. Buckles, 64 of Avilla, IN died Saturday, July 8, 2006 at Life Care of Ft. Wayne, IN. He had been a lifetime member of the community.

Mr. Buckles was born July 20, 1941 to Russell Owen and LaVina (Owen) Buckles, Mauls in Swan Twp. Noble County Indiana. His parents are both deceased.

He married Ann Luttman, June 8, 1963 in Immanuel Lutheran Church. She preceded him in death December 10, 2002.

Mr. Buckles was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Avilla, IN along with the SAL American Legion Post 240. He liked to travel, and he bowled for years. He loved his grandchildren.

Survivors include: 2 daughters & 1 son: Cherree Buckles of Avilla, IN; Jenny Salisbury of Albion, IN and Steven Buckles of Ft. Wayne, IN. 3 grandchildren; Evan Buckles, Dylan & Samantha Salisbury. 3 brothers: Richard (Pat) Buckles, Don (Bethel) Buckles of Avilla, IN and James Buckles of Kendallville, IN.

Preceding him in death were his wife Ann, parents Russell and LaVina, 1 son Robert Buckles, 2 grandchildren: Katie and Mathew Buckles and 1 brother, Paul Buckles.

Services were held July 11 at the Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel with burial taking place at Eel River Cemetery in Churubusco, IN.

Memorials of choice are the Riley's Children's Hospital Indianapolis, IN.

Roy Sordelet, 80

FORT WAYNE – Roy D. Sordelet, 80, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 8, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. Sordelet had retired as office manager at Anthony Motor Parts.

He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and the Children of the Resurrection Prayer Group.

He was born Sept. 18, 1925, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Rosalind "Jane" Sordelet of Fort Wayne; four sons and daughters-in-law, Randall and Denise Sordelet of Leo, Kevin and Debbie Sordelet and Matthew and Mary Sordelet, all of Fort Wayne, and Martin and Becky Sordelet of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jalaine and Hilary Chavez of Clinton, Mich., Melinda and Dave Windsor of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Russell, Richard and Larry Sordelet, all of Fort Wayne; 33 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church Building Fund.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 12, 2006, Wednesday

Leonard Wysong Jr.

MILLERSBURG - Leonard Charles Wysong Jr., 57, of Millersburg died Friday, July 7, 2006 at his residence. He had been ill with cancer.

He was retired from Silgan Plastics in Ligonier after 25 years of employment.

Mr. Wysong loved camping, gardening, mushroom hunting, spending time with his grandchildren and sharing stories with friends. He was a member of VFW Post 985 and the DAV Post 15 of Goshen and the American Legion in Millersburg. He was a graduate of Goshen High School.

He was born Oct. 29, 1948, in Goshen to Leonard C. and Agnes Pauline Wysong.

On June 26, 1970, he married Rebecca S. Moist. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Tonya Wysong of Carsonville, Mich., and Crystal and Mike Zarse of Albion; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Greg and Katrina Wysong of Kimmell, Jason Wysong of Millersburg and Quentin Wysong of Millersburg; two sisters, Delores E. Evans of Goshen and Patricia Wysong of Kendallville; one brother, Jerry T. Bess of Charleston, W. Va.; and five grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one sister, Cheryl Ann Wysong.

Services were held Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen. Rev. Lenny Krebs officiated. Burial was at Brown Cemetery of Millersburg.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Care at Home Hospice or the Millersburg American Legion.

Condolences may be sent to www.rrefh.com.

Doris Hixson, 83

CICERO - Doris Hixson, 83 of Cicero died Monday, July 3, 2006, at her home.

She had been an inspector with General Electric for 41 years, retiring in 1982.

Mrs. Hixson was a member of American Legion Post 82 Auxiliary.

She was a native of Garrett.

Surviving are her husband, John R. Hixson of Albion; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Marsha and Joe Larry of Hicksville, Ohio, Sue Hixson of Cicero, Patricia and Patrick Collins of Albion and Gloria and Michael Beau of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jenna Beau.

Services were held at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the National Kidney Foundation.

Cleva J. "Casey" Byers-Firestone, 82

AUBURN – Cleva J. "Casey" Byers-Firestone, 82, passed away Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Born in Fort Wayne, she retired as a Pharmaceutical Clerk with Lutheran Hospital in 1985.

Survivors include daughters, Suzan J. (Denny) Wegman of Churubusco, Martha A. (George R.) Sornberger of Frankfort, KY; son, Hershel W. (Sondra) Case, Jr. of Central, UT; 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; and her beloved dog, Precious.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Hershel W. Case and her second husband, Harry J. Firestone.

Services were held Saturday, July 8, 2006, at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Pastor Stephen Kummernuss officiated. Burial was in Bowers Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials are to Alzheimer's Research, 15825 Shady Grove Rd, Suite 140, Rockville, MD 20850.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 12, 2006, Wednesday

Joann Rissner, 75

AUBURN – Joann Ruth Rissner, 75, of Auburn and formerly of Kendallville died at 10:10 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2006, at Wesley Manor in Auburn where she had been a resident the past two years.

Mrs. Rissner had lived in Noble and DeKalb counties most of her life.

She had retired in 1996 from Shepherd of the Hill nursing home after more than 16 years as assistant activities director. Prior to that, she had worked at the Kendallville Public Library.

At one time, Mrs. Rissner had been active in the Noble County Council on Aging and started the group's newsletter.

She was born Feb. 22, 1931, in South Bend to Kenneth and Marjorie (Cunningham) Blech.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Gary Fuleki of St. Joe; two sons and a daughter-in-law, George Rissner of Albion and Kenneth and Diane Rissner of Kendallville; a brother, John Blech of Crown Point; 14 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, John Rissner; and a sister, Janice Smith.

Services were held Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Erik Rissner, Jason Rissner, Chris Fuleki, Travis Smith, Jeremy Green and Kevin Hamshire.

Memorials are to the Noble County Council on Aging or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Walter Rosenogle, 86

COLUMBIA CITY – Walter R. Rosenogle, 86,of Fort Wayne died Tuesday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where he had been a patient since July 1.

Mr. Rosenogle had retired in 1981 from Dana Weatherhead after 20 years of service. Prior to that, he had worked at Columbia Woolen Mills, Wolf Lake Garage and South Whitley Manufacturing.

He joined the U.S. Army on December 3, 1942, during World War II and served in Italy and Africa. He received an honorable discharge on October 20, 1945.

His formative years were spent in the Churubusco and Wolf Lake areas, and he completed his education at Wolf Lake School.

Mr. Rosenogle was born November 13, 1919, in Whitley County to Charles and Pearl (Clingerman) Rosenogle.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Sunday, July 9, 2006, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial was in Thorn Cemetery in Ormas.

Condolences may be sent online to *www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com*.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 13, 2006, Thursday

James Poier

SNOHOMISH, Wash. — James Arthur Poier, 63, of Snohomish died Nov. 25, 2005, at Swedish Medical Center in Washington from pancreatic cancer.

Mr. Poier

He was born on Dec. 31, 1941, to Art and Mary Jean Poier in Snohomish.

After graduating from Snohomish High School, he received a degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Washington. He then pursued his passion for flight by joining the United States Air Force.

He retired from the United States Air Force on Sept. 1, 1985. He was then employed at Boeing for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Louise (Leisey) Poier of Snohomish; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Clint Macias of Las Vegas, Nev., two sons, Jimmie Poier of Seattle, Wash., and Bobby Poier of Snohomish; his father, Art Poier of Snohomish; a sister and brother-in-law, Pam and Keith Kager of Spokane, Wash.; and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his mother Mary Jean; and a brother, Don Poier.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating.

Memorials are to Evergreen Aviation Museum care of Development Department, 500 NE Captain Michael King Smith Way, McMinnville, OR 97128-8877.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Chivington

CROMWELL — Ruth Ann Chivington, 69, of Cromwell died at 7:40 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Chivington had been employed as a meat cutter at Didier's Meats. She also worked at the West Noble Day Care in Ligonier for six years and retired from Lakeland Daycare in Syracuse in 2004.

She was a former member of the Noble County Homemakers Extension Club, Ligonier American Legion Auxiliary and the Knapp Lake Cottage Owner's Association.

Mrs. Chivington was a member of the Columbia City Church of the Brethren and volunteered with the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club.

She was born May 13, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Cameron and Mildred (Swihart) Lee. She married Robert Chivington on Feb. 20. 1954, in the Fort Wayne Church of the Brethren. He died in 2004.

Surviving are a son, Tim Chivington of Cromwell; a daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Kent Krause of Cromwell; two granddaughters, Michelle Pugh and her husband, Wesley, and Amanda Musser, all of Cromwell; five stepgrandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, with Pastor Dennis Beckner of the Columbia City Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Columbia City Church of the Brethren Higher Ground New Facility Fund or Parkview Health Care & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 13, 2006, Thursday

Richard Holmes

LAKE JAMES — Richard Arter "Action Al" Holmes, 81, of Lake James and formerly of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 10, 2006, at Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Holmes owned and operated the Vac Shop of Broadway for 40 years. He served as an administrative aide for former Fort Wayne Mayor Ivan Lebamoff and, during that time, revitalized and reopened the Bar Street Market, which later became the Market Master.

Mr. Holmes also originated Antiques in the Park at McCullough Park on Broadway. He owned and operated Gushole Productions, which originated the Santa Claus and Easter Bunny photos at Glenbrook and Southtown malls in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Holmes was an active antique dealer in northeast Indiana and was a member of the First Families of Allen County.

He was born on Oct. 30, 1924, to Otis and Jenie (Arter) Holmes.

Surviving are his wife, Anna E. Holmes; two daughters and sons-in-law, Flaim C. and Bill Cupp and Cindy L. and Jake Fine; a son and daughter-in-law, Colby Jay and Jeanne Holmes; three stepsons and two daughters-in-law, Mike and Cindy Rambo, Tim and Heather Rambo and Tom Rambo; and a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Susan and Hank Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Fran Holmes, in 1984.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons, Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-5 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m. Additional calling will be Sunday at 9 a.m. at the funeral home.

Madelene Mundy

FREMONT — Madelene Mundy, 91, of Fremont died Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at Drews Place of Hillsdale County in Hillsdale, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Joan Chancellor

BUTLER — Joan L. Chancellor, 74, of Butler died Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chancellor

Mrs. Chancellor owned and operated Armstrong Bouquet in Auburn from 1964 to 1983.

She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Butler Lodge 2733.

She was born July 21, 1931, in Mishawaka to Marin and Ada (Riddle) Armstrong. They preceded her in death.

She married Roger G. Chancellor in September 1950 in Mishawaka. He died in 1958.

Surviving are two daughters, Sue Chancellor of Butler and Emily Chancellor of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Kay Armstrong of Butler; two grandchildren, Jo Collins of Auburn and Jenny Collins of Angola; a stepgrandchild, Kara Carnahan; three great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Journey and Joplin; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald Armstrong and Frances "Bud" Armstrong; and two sisters, Alice Bergman and Edith Alexander.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. E. Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Mishawaka.

Calling will be Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
July 13, 2006, Thursday

Ruth Chivington

CROMWELL — Ruth Ann Chivington, 69, of Cromwell died at 7:40 a.m Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Chivington had been employed as a meat cutter at Didier's Meat. She also worked at the West Noble Day Care in Ligonier for six years and retired from Lakeland Daycare in Syracuse in 2004.

She was a former member of the Noble County Homemakers Extention Club, Ligonier American Legion Auxiliary and the Knapp Lake Cottage Owner's Association.

Mrs. Chivington was a member of the Columbia City Church of the Brethren and volunteered with the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club.

She was born May 13, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Cameroan and Mildred (Swihart) Lee. She married Robert Chivington on Feb. 20. 1954, in the Fort Wayne Church of the Brethren. He died in 2004.

Surviving are a son, Tim Chivington of Cromwell; a daughter and son-in-law, Rhjonda and Kent Drause of Cromwell; two granddaughters, Michelle Pugh and her husband, Wesley, and Amanda Musser, all of Cromwell; five stepgrandchildren; and six stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, with Pastor Dennis Beckner of the Columbia City Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today, Thursday, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Columbia City Church of the Brethren Higher Ground New Facility Fund or Parkview Health Care & Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Pamela Gabbard

CROMWELL - Pamela Sue Gabbard, 54, of Cromwell died at 6:01 p.m. Saturday, July 8, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Gabbard was a lifetime area resident.

She was employed at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier.

Mrs. Gabbard enjoyed collecting Boyd Bears, baskets and statues of fairies. She also enjoyed gardening, cooking, boating and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She was born June 18, 1952, in Wolf Lake to Earl and Mildred (Jensen) Kring. She married Sidney Gabbard on April 7, 1971, in Elizabethtown, Ky. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Crystal Gabbard of Cromwell; two brothers, Philip Stump of Fort Wayne and Stephan Stump of Flagstaff, Ariz.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kay and Tal Turner of Indianapolis and Sherry and Terry Bair of Ligonier; and four grandchildren, Tony, Drew, Alex and Zack.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services were Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Raymond Johnson

GOSHEN — Raymond Dee Johnson, 75, of Goshen died Sunday, July 9, 2006, at his home following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Johnson had lived in the Goshen area for 54 years.

He had owned and operated R.D. Johnson and Son Excavating Inc., which he established in 1965. He retired in 2003.

Mr. Johnson served in the Army Air Force from 1947-1950.

He raced stock cars at area race tracks in the early 1950s, wrote and recorded several songs in the early '50s and played in area bands including the Nickel Plate Road Band in the 1980s where he was lead singer and played guitar, fiddle and keyboard.

He was born Nov. 22, 1930, in Ligonier to Cecil and Lottie (Vance) Johnson. He married Margaret Rostochak on Dec. 22, 1951, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Steven Johnson of Goshen; two daughters, Janet Johnson of Goshen and Sandy Brumbaugh of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Cecil and Imogene Johnson Jr. of Ligonier; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen with the Rev. Kevin Farmwald officiating. Burial will be in West Goshen Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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William Wiggs

HAMILTON — William J. Wiggs, 26, of Hamilton Lake died unexpectedly Tuesday, July 11, 2006.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Bryan, Ohio.

Irene Carter

HAMILTON — Irene Carter, 85, died Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Carter was a homemaker.

She was born July 30, 1920, in DeKalb County to Stearl E. and Delphia (Coburn) Wade. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Jack Carter, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jerry and Wanda Creager of Houston, Texas, Bill Creager of Hamilton and Roger and Kathy Creager of Springville, Ind.; a brother and sister-in-law, Don and Violet Wade of Edgerton, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Larrie Creager and his wife, Denise, Carol Robinson, Kevin Creager, Andrea Creager, Kimberly Creager, Ken Creager and Wayne Creager and his wife, Crystal; 10 great-grandchildren; and a great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Creager; two brothers, Robert Wade and Gerald Wade; and a sister, Leon Bills.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. David Leitzel will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Florence Crabill

CHURUBUSCO — Florence H. Crabill, 97, of Churubusco died Thursday, July 13, 2006, at 11:05 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett. She had been a patient there since September.

She spent all of her adult life in Churubusco and was a member of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene. She had worked as a clerk at the former Leitch's Market in Churubusco and at the former Ball Furniture in Churubusco.

Mrs. Crabill

She spent her formative years on the family farm west of Churubusco and was educated in the Churubusco Schools.

She was born in Smith Township on Feb. 10, 1909, to Charles and Cora (Gaff) Krider. They preceded her in death.

She married Cledith A. "Tiz" Crabill on April 17, 1927. He died Aug. 21, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Hurshell "Bud" Nelson of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Max and Wilma Crabill of Garrett and Dale and Norma Crabill of Churubusco; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Genevieve Woll, Evelyn Johnston and Mildred Oyer; and two brothers, George Krider and Arthur Krider.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Paul D. White, pastor of the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be at the funeral home today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

William Palmerton

COLDWATER, Mich. — William "Bill" Palmerton, 73, of Coldwater died Thursday, July 13, 2006, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 14, 2006, Friday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with a correction in the name of a family member.*

Joan Chancellor

BUTLER — Joan L. Chancellor, 74, of Butler died Wednesday, July 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chancellor

Mrs. Chancellor owned and operated Armstrong Bouquet in Auburn from 1964 to 1983.

She was a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Butler Lodge 2733.

She was born July 21, 1931, in Mishawaka to Martin and Ada (Riddle) Armstrong. They preceded her in death.

She married Roger G. Chancellor in September 1950 in Mishawaka. He died in 1958.

Surviving are two daughters, Sue Chancellor of Butler and Emily Chancellor of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Kay Armstrong of Butler; two grandchildren, Jo Collins of Auburn and Jenny Collins of Angola; a stepgrandchild, Kara Carnahan; three great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Journey and Joplin; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Gerald Armstrong and Frances "Bud" Armstrong; and two sisters, Alice Bergman and Edith Alexander.

Services will be today at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. E. Brian Carsten officiating. Burial will be in Mishawaka.

Calling will be today from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Madelene Mundy

FREMONT — Madelene Mundy, 91, of Fremont died July 12 at Drew's Place of Hillsdale County in Hillsdale, Mich.

Mrs. Mundy was co-owner of The Barn Stable Antiques in Fremont and co-owner, with her husband, of the former Phillips 66 gas station in Fremont.

She was a 1932 graduate of Fremont High School. She loved antiques, quilting and reading, and also enjoyed history, government and politics. She helped restore the 130-year-old Antique Bank Barn, west of Fremont on S.R. 120.

She was born October 14, 1914, to Perry and Fern (Dick) Duguid of Camden, Mich. She married John B. (Ike) Mundy on March 30, 1935, in Ray. He preceded her in death on March 16, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Don Helton of Fremont; two granddaughters, Megan Sultan and Melissa Dahlinger; a great-granddaughter, Danielle Dahlinger; two great-grandsons, Nathan and William Sultan; and a sister-in-law, Mary Duguid of Fort Wayne.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Lee Duguid.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ray Cemetery in Fremont, with Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will follow.

There is no visitation. Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

Memorials are to Hospice of Hillsdale County, 124 S. Howell St., Hillsdale, MI 49242.

Beth Payton

MORELAND, Ky. — Beth Stienbarger Payton, 45, of South Fork died Thursday, July 13, 2006, at Ephraim McDowell R.M.C.

Mrs. Payton was a former assistant deli manager at Durhams Grocery in Stanford.

She attended the Lighthouse Tabernacle.

Mrs. Payton was born Feb. 10, 1961, in Westminster, Calif., to Earl and Beverly (Hayden) Stienbarger.

Survivors include her husband, Robert C. Payton; two daughters, Roxanne and Ashley Peck of Syracuse; three sisters, Vickie Howard and Mary Stonebraker both of Kendallville, and Cindy Helmer of Avilla; and one grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Anna Stienbarger; and a brother, Greg Stienbarger.

Service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at New Hope Baptist Church with David Fralix and Joey Harness officiating. Burial will be in New Salem Cemetery.

Calling will be after 10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

W. L. Pruitt Funeral Home in Hustonville, Ky., is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 15, 2006, Saturday

Crash claims 2 lives

Car flips, slides into Pigeon Creek

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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Orland

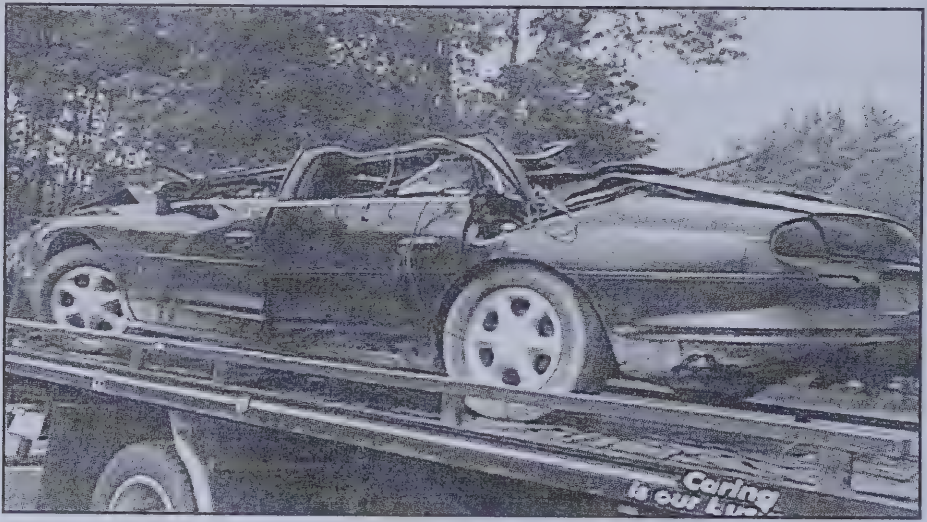
ORLAND — Two people were killed Friday morning in a one-car crash on Steuben C.R. 900W north of C.R. 15N near Orland.

Robert Lindberg, 33, and Angela Knauer, 21, both of Angola, died as a result of head injuries, Steuben County Sheriff's Department Deputy Chris Emerick said. Knauer was wearing a seat belt, but Lindberg was not.

Emerick said Lindberg was driving southbound on C.R. 900W when his vehicle went left of center and off the east side of the roadway. The vehicle went up onto and then over a guardrail and landed upside down on a concrete embankment on the south side of Pigeon Creek. The vehicle then slid down the embankment and came to rest in the water. Lindberg and Knauer were both pronounced dead at the accident scene.

Emerick said a person who was in the crash area heard a collision about 3 a.m. Friday. The accident was not discovered or reported until about 7:20 a.m.

Also assisting at the accident scene were representatives from Steuben County Emergency Medical Service, Orland and Salem fire departments, the Steuben County Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team and Indiana conservation officers.



NEWSCHANNEL 15

Two people died when this car went off of Steuben C.R. 900W near Orland early Friday, flipped and landed upside down on a concrete embankment before sliding into Pigeon Creek.

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Kendallville, IN
July 15, 2006, Saturday

Joseph Milliman

ANGOLA — Joseph Edward Milliman, 55, of Angola died Friday, July 14, 2006.

Mr. Milliman was born Oct. 29, 1950, to Edward and Betty (Frey) Milliman. He married Bonnie Snyder on Oct. 17, 1981, and she survives.

He was a Wal-Mart associate for 16 years. He enjoyed fishing and loved all sports.

Also surviving are three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Robert Milliman of Adrian, Mich., David and Valerie Milliman of Manitou Beach, Mich., and Gary and Dianna Milliman of Angola; two sisters, Gloria Sadler of Adrian and Patricia Welter of Pleasant Lake; his father and stepmother, Edward and Marjorie Milliman of Adrian; three stepbrothers and two stepsisters-in-law, Lance McCallum of New Hampshire, Quentin and Sharon McCallum of Okomos, Mich. and Tyon and Candy McCallum of Adrian; and a stepsister and stepbrother-in-law, Dawn and Harold Payne of Crystal Falls, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his mother and two sisters, Christine Waters and Sherry Leitner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Mike Hamm officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Beulah Wells

AVILLA — Beulah B. Wells, 78, of Avilla died Friday, July 14, 2006, at the critical care unit of Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Wells was born Nov. 29, 1927, in Churubusco. She had worked in the cafeteria for East Noble School Corp. for many years. She had lived in the community all her life.

She was married to Clarence A. Wells in Auburn on Dec. 28, 1945. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 2000.

She enjoyed playing cards — especially euchre — and bingo, listening to music, visiting with people, and animals — especially dogs.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Mary Kaye Wells of Westfield and Richard and Sharrel Wells of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Kenneth Helmkamp of Avilla; five grandchildren, Suzane Wells, Angela Cassidy, Elizabeth Way, Brett Helmkamp and Sara Myer; and five great-grandchildren, Matthew, Samuel, Anna, Jack and Kinsey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Carolyn Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn Trowbridge, 76, of Kendallville died Friday, July 14, 2006, at her daughter's home in Auburn.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Angela Knauer

ANGOLA — Angela (Cain) Knauer, 21, of Angola died Friday, July 14, 2006, as the result of injuries sustained in a car accident near Orland.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

William Wiggs

HAMILTON — William J. Wiggs, 26, of Hamilton Lake, died unexpectedly Tuesday, July 11, 2006.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home in Hamilton. A full obituary will appear in Monday's edition.

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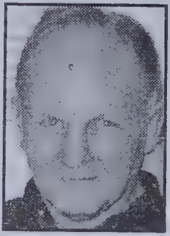
William Palmerton


Mr. Palmerton

COLDWATER, Mich. — William "Bill" Palmerton, 73, of Coldwater, Mich., died Thursday, July 13, 2006, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Palmerton was born June 3, 1933, in Ray to Ernest and Imo A. (Sowle) Palmerton. He was a retired pro shop and lawn care employee at Eaton Creek Golf Course in Fremont.

He was a Fremont High School graduate. He enjoyed woodworking, playing music and playing cards. He played with many different bands in and outside of the area, and was able to play once at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn.

Surviving are his wife, Sherry (Crow) Palmerton; three daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn Palmerton and Penny Palmerton, and Marty and Roger Lowe, all of Quincy, Mich.; seven sons and two daughters-in-law, Chris Palmerton and Dino Palmerton, both of Louisville, Ky., Keith, Billy and Steve Palmerton, Alan and Kathy Miller and Craig and Rita Miller, all of Quincy; a sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Earl Kennison of Stroh; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean and Barbara Palmerton of Fremont and Terry and Linda Palmerton of Garrett; seven grandchildren, Jordan and Kallie Miller, Bridgett and Timmy Moore and Karrie, C.J. and Jessica Palmerton; and numerous other grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Donald Palmerton in 1999; and a sister, Myra Jean Mounts in 2005.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Norman Noble officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bronson, Mich.

Memorials are to the family.

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Angela (Cain) Knauer

ANGOLA — Angela N. (Cain) Knauer, 21, of Angola, died Friday, July 14, near Angola.

She graduated from Angola High School in 2003 and was active in soccer, softball and cheerleading. She also enjoyed and taught gymnastics.

Ms. Knauer

She was a floor manager for the Geoffrey Beene clothing store in Fremont and formerly worked at Metal Spinners in Angola.

She enjoyed holidays with her family, especially Easter, and her greatest joy was being a mother.

Her hobbies included shopping and dancing.

On April 29, 1985, in Springfield, Ohio, she was born to Mike and Kathy (Engle) Cain. They survive in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are a daughter, Allie Jane Knauer, Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Michelle and Quentin Young, Angola; her dear friend and former husband, Greg "Grego" Knauer, Angola; maternal grandparents Jim and Wanda Engle, Springfield, Ohio; paternal grandparents Bob and Helen Cain, Springfield, Ohio; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola with the Rev. Ken Fairbanks, the Rev. Norm Fuller and Lyn Loewen officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to a trust fund at Fifth/Third Bank in care of Allie Jane Knauer in honor of her mother.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is handling arrangements.

Beulah Wells

AVILLA — Beulah B. Wells, 78, of Avilla, died at 9:05 a.m. Friday, July 14, 2006, in Parkview Noble Hospital's Critical Care Unit in Kendallville.

She worked in the East Noble School Corp. cafeterias for many years, and also worked in dietary at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla for many years.

She had lived in the Avilla community all her life.

Mrs. Wells was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She enjoyed playing cards, especially euchre and bingo, listening to music, visiting with people, and animals, especially dogs.

On Nov. 29, 1927, in Churubusco, she was born to Denver and Mary (Christon) Herron.

She married Clarence A. Wells in Auburn on Dec. 28, 1945. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Mary Kaye Wells, Westfield, and Richard and Sharrel Wells, Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Kenneth Helmkamp, Avilla; five grandchildren, Suzane Wells, Angela Cassidy, Elizabeth Way, Brett Helmkamp and Sara Myer; and five great-grandchildren, Matthew, Samuel, Anna, Jack and Kinsey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Carolyn Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn Trowbridge, 76, of Kendallville, died Friday, July 14, 2006, at the home of her daughter, Cathy Brellenthin, in Auburn.

Mrs. Trowbridge was a homemaker and member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

On Aug. 23, 1929, in Kendallville, she was born to Lester and Beulah (Rehwinkel) Wolf.

She married Cecil George Trowbridge on Aug. 23, 1946, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1993.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy Weber, Kendallville, Pam and Steve Munger, Garrett, LuAnn Rathke, Albion, and Cathy Brellenthin, Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard Trowbridge, Kendallville, and Bill and Sue Trowbridge, Washington state; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Don Smart, Kendallville; 14 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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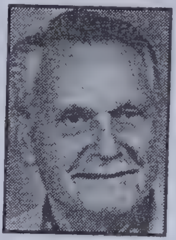
Theodore Kemm Jr.

ANGOLA — Theodore F. Kemm Jr., 82, of Angola, died Thursday, July 13, 2006, at Cameron Hospital, Angola.

He was a retired project manager for Willard Construction Co. in Philadelphia, and member of the Presbyterian Chapel of The Lakes Church, Angola.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.

On Oct. 22, 1923, in Philadelphia, Pa., he was born to Theodore and Emma (Hauser) Kemm.



Mr. Kemm

His first wife, Carole Vogel Kemm, preceded him in death in 1979.

He married Ann Holsinger on April 28,1984, in Florida. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Scott and Debbie Kemm and Andrew and Donna Kemm, all of Philadelphia, Rick and Sandy Kemm, Fort Myers, Fla., and Chris Kemm, Naples, Fla.; three grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his first wife and parents, were a sister Phyllis and two sons, Steven and Robert Kemm.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Presbyterian Chapel of The Lakes Church, 300 W. Orland Road, Angola, with the Rev. Thomas A. Smith officiating.

Calling will be at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the church.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at Johnson@bnin.net.

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Crash kills 1

Woman charged in incident that takes life of motorcyclist

BY MATT GETTS
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KENDALLVILLE — A Texas woman has been charged with reckless driving in a car-motorcycle crash that killed a motorcycle driver and injured four others Sunday evening in Kendallville.

Mark James Lipscomb, 29, of Sturgis, Mich., was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office.

The crash occurred at 7:24 p.m. in front of Si Senior Restaurant, 903 W. North St. (U.S. 6) after Victoria Garza, 18, of Mission, Texas, allegedly lost control of her 1992 Mercury Grand Marquis while traveling eastbound on U.S. 6 from the S.R. 3 South junction.

Garza was booked into the Noble County Jail after being treated for shoulder bruising. She is being held without bond.

Noble County Prosecuting Attorney Steve Clouse successfully petitioned a judge this morning to allow Garza to be held for 72 hours before the filing of

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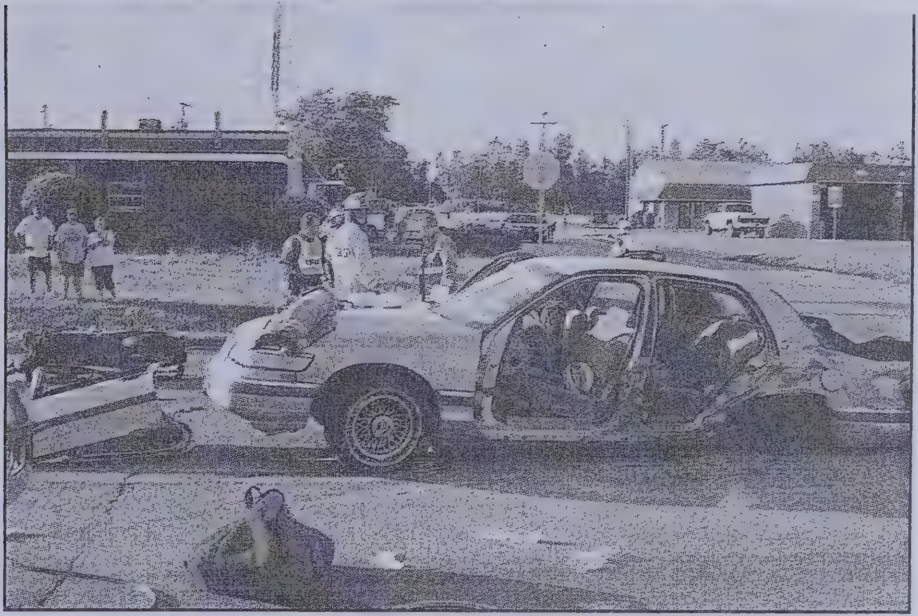

MATT GETTS

Pictured is the wreckage from Sunday's car-motorcycle crash Sunday evening on North Street (U.S. 6). The driver of the motorcycle was killed in the crash, and the driver of the car has been charged with reckless driving. A total of four people were injured in the crash, including the passenger of the motorcycle who was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

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MATT GETTS

Kendallville firefighters, Noble County EMS personnel and the crew of the Samaritan helicopter (seen parked in background) prepare a patient for transport following a car-motorcycle crash Sunday evening on North Street (U.S. 6). The driver of the motorcycle was pronounced dead at the scene, and four others were injured.

CRASH: *Motorcycle passenger still in critical condtion*

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formal charges. Clouse said the 72-hour time frame would allow his office to collect more information, including the official report from the crash reconstructionist.

Garza allegedly moved off the main travel surface to pass several vehicles on the right at a high rate of speed, and lost control when her car hit potholes along the berm. Police said Garza's vehicle was fishtailing by the time it reached the roadway again, and ended up spinning around in the westbound lane directly in the path of the motorcycle driven by Lipscomb.

Police said the motorcycle struck the rear of Garza's vehicle. The impact spun her vehicle again, and left motorcycle wreckage in the westbound lane, with Lipscomb laying on the pavement and a passenger of the motorcycle thrown off the north side of the road.

The female passenger of the motorcycle was airlifted by Samaritan helicopter to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Garza and two passengers in her vehicle were taken to Parkview Noble Hospital by EMS.

Valerie Garza, 19, and Milly Loman, 21, both of Texas, were treated and released from Parkview Noble after complaining of head pain.

According to police, all three occupants of the car were migrant workers working in the area.

The road was closed for more than three hours. The last fire units cleared the scene at 10:51 p.m.

According to Noble County Coroner Dr. Terry Gaff, the preliminary cause of death for Lipscomb was blunt force trauma. An autopsy has been scheduled for today.

A crash reconstructionist from the Indiana State Police responded to the scene, as did officers from the Kendallville Police Department, Noble County Sheriff's Department, the Kendallville Fire Department and Noble County EMS.

The identity of the female passenger of the motorcycle was being withheld this morning pending notification of next of kin. According to Kendallville Police Department Sgt. Larry Richardson, the woman was in critical condition this morning at Parkview Hospital.

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Miranda Hatton

BLUE LAKE — Miranda Mae Hatton, 77, of Blue Lake near Churubusco, died at 3:55 p.m. Saturday, July 15, 2006, at Wesley Health Care, Auburn. She had been ill for the past month.

Miss Hatton

On March 27, 1929, in Vancleve, Ky., she was born to Ben and Nancy Jane (McPhearson) Hatton.

She lived all her adult life in the Churubusco area and was a member of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

She loved everyone she met and never had an ill word about anyone. She was a wonderful person and will truly be missed by whoever had the good fortune to share her company and her life.

Surviving are two brothers, George Hatton of New Haven and Carl Hatton of LaOtto; many nieces and nephews; caregivers Tomas E. and Laura Schultis of Churubusco; and the families of Herbert and Helen Martin, her adopted family.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Eddie Jones officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery, Noble County.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Unconscious man died of natural causes

SHIPSHEWANA — A 43-year-old man was found dead Sunday afternoon at the Brethren Retreat Center on West C.R. 275N.

LaGrange County Sheriff's deputies and EMS were called at approximately 5:15 p.m. Sunday to the retreat center regarding an unconscious man.

EMS personnel performed CPR on the man, but were unable to revive him.

LaGrange County Coroner Bruce Coney reported this morning the death as the result of natural causes. The man was a visitor at the center.

The man's name and place of residence is being withheld pending notification of family members, Coney said.

Kaylene Mast

SHIPSHEWANA — Kaylene J. Mast, 11, of rural Shipshewana died at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, July 15, 2006, at Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis, after being taken there Friday as a result of a fall.

On March 3, 1995, in LaGrange, she was born to John and Darla (Lambright) Mast.

She was a student in the special needs class at Topeka Elementary School, Topeka.

Surviving in addition to her parents are four sisters, Delores Ann Mast of Middlebury, Marcia Mast, Sharon Jane Mast and Rhoda Diane Mast, all at home; grandparents, Ervin and Ruby Mast of Middlebury, and Mahlon and Esther Lambright of Shipshewana; and a great-grandmother, Nettie Lambright of Shipshewana.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Jonas Yoder residence, 4055 W. S.R. 120, Shipshewana, with Bishop Nelson Graber and home ministers of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Scott-Seybert Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Condolences may be sent to the family at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Gwendolin Liggett

CHURUBUSCO — Gwendolin E. "Gwen" Liggett, 80, of rural Churubusco died at 7 a.m. Sunday, July 16, 2006, at the family residence in Smith Township following an extended illness.

Mrs. Liggett

Mrs. Liggett was employed at Magnavox for 15 years, first in Garrett and later in Columbia City, retiring in 1989.

She served as a volunteer 4-H leader for 25 years and was a member of the Smith Township Home Demonstration Club.

She was born Jan. 18, 1926, in Chicago to William and Fredonna (Yarian) Lutter.

As an infant, she moved with her parents to Knox and later moved to LaOtto, where she spent her formative years. She graduated from Huntertown High School in 1946. She later graduated from beauty college in Fort Wayne and worked as a beautician for a period of time.

On Oct. 11, 1947, in LaOtto, she married Kenneth L. Liggett. The couple moved to Fort Wayne following their marriage and later moved to LaOtto before settling in Churubusco in 1958. Her husband preceded her in death Oct. 18, 2004.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda K. Wick and Holly D. and Mark Redding, all of Fort Wayne, Judy A. Liggett of Churubusco and Donna M. and Jay Hilliard of Avilla; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth L. and Theresa Liggett and Tim L. and Lisa Liggett, all of Churubusco; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Clarence Lutter, James and Beverly Lutter and Ralph and Lois Lutter, all of LaOtto, William and Della Lutter and Robert and Sharon Lutter, all of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Gregory Enstrom, pastor of First Wayne Street Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Tamera Thompson

FORT WAYNE — Tamera Lee Thompson, 45, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 15, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Thompson, of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Amanda Thompson of Spencerville; her mother and stepfather, Brenda and Carl Stephenson of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Christina and Curtis Brown of Fort Wayne; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with corrections and additional information.*

Carolyn Trowbridge

KENDALLVILLE — Carolyn Trowbridge, 76, of Kendallville, died Friday, July 14, 2006, at the home of her daughter, Cathy Brellenthin, in Auburn.

Mrs. Trowbridge was a homemaker and member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

On Aug. 23, 1929, in Kendallville, she was born to Lester and Beulah (Rehwinkel) Wolf.

She married Cecil George Trowbridge on Aug. 23, 1946, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1993. Also preceding her in death were a brother, Richard Wolf, and a sister, Joann Cogan.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy Weber, Kendallville, Pam and Steve Munger, Garrett, LuAnn Rathke, Albion, and Cathy and Wally Brellenthin, Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard Trowbridge, Kendallville, and Bill and Brenda Trowbridge, Washington state; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Don Smart, Kendallville; 14 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, at a later date.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Ronald Shull

AUBURN — Ronald L. Shull, 66, of Auburn died Saturday, July 15, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Shull was a truck driver for Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne, retiring in 2001. He was co-owner and operator of Shull Auto Sales in Auburn.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

He was born Jan. 19, 1940, in Auburn to L.D. and Garnet M. (Fouts) Shull. His father preceded him in death, and his mother survives in Auburn.

On Sept. 3, 1960, in Garrett, he married Mary C. Bonkoski. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian J. and Sherri Shull of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lori A. and Larry Park of Auburn and Linda M. Shull of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Glenford M. and Sue Shull of Bloomington, Minn.; a sister, Sheila Purdy of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Carleen, Kelby and Brandon Park; and three stepgrandchildren, Mindy and Josh Smith and Bree Park.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Babasino Fernandes will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church. A rosary service will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the Mark L. Dyken Neurology Center at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Glenn Helbert Sr.

GARRETT — Glenn W. Helbert Sr., 92, of Garrett died Sunday, July 16, 2006, at 12:15 a.m in his home.

Mr. Helbert worked as a conductor on the B&O Railroad for more than 40 years, retiring in 1975. He was a member of the AARP, United Transportation Union, Garrett Historical Society and the Garrett Alumni Association.

He was born June 3, 1914, in Allen County to Perle B. and Matilda Pearl (Moss) Helbert.

On May 10, 1936, in Auburn, he married Sarah Alice West. She died in 1981.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Glenn W. Helbert Jr. and Susan Helbert, James R. Helbert and David and Jan Helbert, all of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Walter Smith of St. Joe; a brother, Ronald Guy Helbert of Fresno, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Barron, Perle Jr. and Robert Helbert; and a sister, Kathryn Taylor.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Wayne Smith will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Martin's Soup Kitchen in Garrett.

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Motorcycle crash victim still critical

BY MATT GETTS
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FORT WAYNE — A Rome City woman injured when the motorcycle she was riding as a passenger collided with another vehicle Sunday evening on U.S. 6 in Kendallville remained in critical condition this morning at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, according to a hospital spokesman.

Police have identified the woman as Lacey Jonston, 27, of Rome City.

Jonston was a passenger on a motorcycle being driven by Mark James Lipscomb, 29, of Sturgis, Mich., Sunday evening.

Lipscomb was killed in the crash.

The incident occurred at 7:24 p.m. in front of Si Senior Restaurant, 903 W. North St. (U.S. 6) after Victoria Garza, 18, of Mission, Texas, allegedly lost control of her 1992 Mercury Grand Marquis while traveling eastbound on U.S. 6 from the S.R. 3 South junction.

Garza allegedly moved off the main travel surface to pass several vehicles on the right at a high rate of speed, and lost control when her car hit potholes along the berm. Police said Garza's vehicle was fishtailing by the time it reached the roadway again, and ended up spinning around in the westbound lane directly in the path of the motorcycle driven by Lipscomb.

Police said the motorcycle struck the rear of Garza's vehicle. The impact spun her vehicle again, and left motorcycle wreckage in the westbound lane, with Lipscomb laying on the pavement and Jonston thrown off the north side of the road.

Jonston was airlifted to Parkview Hospital via Samaritan helicopter.

Garza is being held without bond at the Noble County Jail on a preliminary charge of reckless driving. Noble County Prosecuting Attorney Steven Clouse successfully petitioned the court Monday for a 72-hour hold on Garza while he contemplates what charges to officially file.

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Elizabeth Frey

TOPEKA — Elizabeth F. Frey, 87, of rural Topeka, died at 10:10 p.m. Monday, July 17, 2006, at her residence after an extended illness.

On Nov. 30, 1918, in LaGrange County, she was born to David R. Bontrager and Lydia (Christner) Frey. She married Joseph E. Frey on Jan. 4, 1940. He preceded her in death on Nov. 24, 1991.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Old Order Amish Church and had lived in LaGrange County all her life.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Freeman and Wilma Frey of Ligonier, and Richard and Barbara Frey of Shipshewana; five daughters and sons-in-law, Lydia Mae and Clarence J. Miller of Chouteau, Okla., Mary Ellen and Freddie J. Miller of Millersburg, Wilma and Orva Bontrager, and Edna and Freeman Jay Slabach, all of Shipshewana, and Katie Irene and Wilbur Lehman of Topeka; two daughters-in-law, Lydia Frey of Goshen and LeEtta Frey of Millersburg; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Katie Beechy of Gladwin, Mich., Mary Lehman of Ligonier, and Lydia (Raber) and Ervin Hostetler of Topeka; 72 grandchildren; 212 great-grandchildren; and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Daniel and Mervin Frey, two brothers, Levi and Amos Bontrager, a sister, Amanda Raber, two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the family residence, 8490 W. C.R. 600S, Topeka, with Bishop Glen Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Christner Cemetery, Topeka.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the family residence.

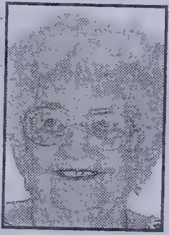
Condolences may be e-mailed to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Jessie Houck

BUTLER — Jessie F. Houck, 100, died March 6, 2006.

She was born Feb. 13, 1906, in Butler.


Mrs. Houck

She retired from Universal Tool & Stamping of Butler and moved to Florida in retirement.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mary and Virgil Alwood, Vera and Dwight Ulm, Joan and Jack Yates and Janet Campbell, all of Florida; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Gene Campbell.

Services and burial were in Florida. H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

Rose Teixeira

AUBURN — Rose M. Teixeira, 65, of Auburn died Sunday, July 16, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Teixiera worked as a cashier at the Sunshine Market for 11 years. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born May 7, 1941, in Auburn.

Surviving are a son, Andy Teixeira of Auburn; and a brother, Bob Bastan of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lionel E. Teixeira.

There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, near Garrett, at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Roy Riddle

ALBION — Roy S. Riddle, 56, rural Albion, died Monday, July 17, 2006, in Eau Claire, Wis. He was found dead of natural causes in the Flying J. Truck Stop in that city.

Surviving are his mother, Catherine (Cox) Riddle, two brothers and sisters-in-law, Fred and Mary Ann Riddle and John and Sharon Riddle, all of Albion.

Arrangements are pending with Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

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Lois Gregg

COLUMBIA CITY — Lois M. Gregg, 80, of Columbia City, died at 3 a.m. Monday, July 17, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor where she had been a resident since June 19.

Mrs. Gregg

On Sept. 28, 1925, in Columbia City, she was born to Esta and Rhea (Workman) Keirn. She married Lewis E. Gregg on June 5, 1943. He preceded her in death on April 16, 2006.

She graduated from Columbia City High School, and served as an aid at Columbia City Joint High School for 22 years before retiring in 1990.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church where she served as church secretary for six years, coordinator of the food pantry for five years and she participated in the church choir.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Richard Bentz of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Diana Gregg of Crown Point; four grandchildren, Lindsay Bentz, Joshua Bentz, Anne Gregg and Aidan Gregg; a brother, Donald Keirn of Columbia City; and two half-sisters, Nancy Knepple and Sally Wilson, both of Columbia City.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Grace Lutheran Church, 204 N. Main St., Columbia City, with the Rev. Dr. James Cress, church pastor, officiating. Burial will be in South Park Annex Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Grace Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

William Wiggs

HAMILTON — William "Willie" James Wiggs, 26, of Hamilton died July 11, 2006.

He was a 1998 graduate of Hamilton High School.

Mr. Wiggs

Born June 13, 1980, in San Antonio, Texas, he was the son of James A. Wiggs and Peggy A. Kreischer Apger. His father survives in Dripping Springs, Texas, and his mother survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are a son, Keegan W. Wiggs of Quincy, Mich.; his maternal grandmother, Maida Hissong of Hamilton; and his paternal grandparents, Wayne and Myrtle Wiggs of San Antonio.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, with Pastor Rosene Short officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Condolences may be sent and an online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

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July 18, 2006, Tuesday

John Davis

BLUE LAKE — John Davis, 70, of Blue Lake near Churubusco, died at 9 p.m. Sunday, July 16, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City. He had been in declining health for over a year and a half.

Mr. Davis

He spent his formative years in Huntington, and served in the U.S. Navy as a young man before moving to Blue Lake. He spent most of his adult life in Blue Lake.

He worked at American Hoist for 27 years, and later worked at Grant Durban in New Haven for 11 years. He retired in 2005 from the Nishakawa Standard Co. maintenance department in New Haven where he worked for over 10 years. Mr. Davis was also owner and operator of Rapp's Campground at Blue Lake for many years.

Mr. Davis was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles 3164 in New Haven, New Haven Navy Club Ship 245, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2457 in New Haven, and American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne.

He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, mowing grass and his family.

In Huntington on Aug. 30, 1935, he was born to Vernon L. "Bud" and Buna C. (Myers) Davis. On Dec. 14, 1958, in Camden, Mich., he married Grace Lautermilch. She preceded him in death on Dec. 28, 1987.

Surviving are his mother, Buna A. Head of Churubusco; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Kevin S. and Kimberly Davis, Dennis A. Davis, Randy L. and Penny Davis and James A. and Heather Davis, all of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Butch Wyne Davis-Wyne of New Castle, Wash.; a sister Marilyn "Susie" Koker of San Antonio, Texas; a stepsister, Nancy Murphree of Chattanooga, Tenn.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

In addition to his father and wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Diana Lynn Davis, on Dec. 28, 1972, and a brother, Lewis Davis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Rick Van Horn, pastor of Believer's Bible Fellowship, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 19, 2006, Wednesday

Ruth Brandon

AUBURN — Ruth G. Brandon, 91, of Auburn died today, July 19, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Brandon was a homemaker. She was a member and elder emeritus of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn. Through her 90th year, she served as a volunteer at the Heimach Center in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 6, 1914, in Garrett to Greenwood B. and Lola I. (DeWitt) Wheeler.

Her husband, Nelson Brandon, died in 1995.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Kay Brandon of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Pat Opper of Auburn and Linda and Robert Johnson of Indianapolis; six grandchildren and their spouses, Scott and Mary Brandon, Brian Johnson, Blake Johnson, Joshua Opper, Christopher and Erin Opper and Kelly Dunham; three great-grandchildren; and a stepgreat-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, George Wheeler and Varian Wheeler; and a grandson, Brandon Johnson.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, or the Heimach Center.

C. Virginia Meyer

BRONSON, Mich. — C. Virginia Meyer, 84, of Bronson, Mich., died Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at the Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola following a short illness.

Mrs. Meyer was born Nov. 17, 1921, in Bronson to L.B. and Bernice (Vail) Tice. She was a lifelong Bronson area resident.

She graduated from Bronson High School in 1939 and married Roger Meyer on Nov. 4, 1943, in Bronson. He preceded her in death in 1995.

She and her husband, along with the Meyer brothers, were co-owners and operators of Meyer Brothers Heating and Cooling in Bronson from 1952 to 1987 when they retired.

She was affiliated with the First Congregational Church in Bronson and a member of the Bronson Women's Club. She enjoyed crocheting, reading and playing solitaire.

Surviving are her three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jan and Dale Richhart of Quincy, Mich., June and Fred Borgert of Burr Oak, Mich., and Jean Goodwin of Paw Paw, Mich.; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Ken and Amy Goodwin, Kraig and Janie Goodwin, Laura and Richard Wolf, Leigh Ann and Don Hicks, Neal Richhart, Sara and Chris Wood, Kollin and Jenny Goodwin and Mark and Noelle Borgert; 17 great-grandchildren; and two sisters and three brothers-in-law, Libbie and Randall Meyer and Barbara Savchuk, all of Bronson, and Dale Walton.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Neva Walton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, with the Rev. Terry Siler officiating. Burial will be in Matteson Township Cemetery, Bronson.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Bronson Food Pantry.

Condolences can be left online at www.kolcz.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 19, 2006, Wednesday

Roy Riddle

ALBION — Roy S. Riddle, 56, of rural Albion was found dead of natural causes at the Flying J Truck Stop in Jackson County, Wis. on Monday, July 17, 2006.

Mr. Riddle

Mr. Riddle spent his formative years in Noble Township, attended Merriam and Wolf Lake schools and graduated from Central Noble High School in 1969.

He was employed at the Noble County Highway Department, 7-Up, Howard Sober, and for the past 23 years worked for Genova Products in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Eagles No. 1906, Columbia City Lodge No. 189 F & AM, Scottish Rite, Whitley County Shrine Club, Mizpah Shrine, Tri Lakes Lions Club, American Motorcycle Association for the past 25 years, Old Fort Motorcycle Club where he was a past president, Tri-State Motorcycle Club in Butler where he was a past president, and was district vice president of the AMA Club.

On Jan. 6, 1950, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Stanley James and Mary Catherine (Cox) Riddle.

Surviving include his mother, Mary Catherine Riddle; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Fred and Mariann Riddle and John and Sharon Riddle, all of Albion; four nieces, Julie, Amy, Sara and Jody; and two nephews, Kevin and Steven.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Gene Rohrer officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A Masonic service will be held Friday following the visitation at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital Burn Unit or St. Matthews United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Donald Back

GARRETT — Donald L. "Don" Back, 38, of Garrett died Monday, July 17, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Back had worked at Nucor. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

A lifetime DeKalb County resident, he was born Sept. 19, 1967, in Auburn to Henderson and Marilyn (Kuger) Back.

He married Kathy A. Ruger on June 20, 1986, in Auburn. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Marilyn and Rodger McCosh of Auburn; his father, Henderson Back; a daughter, Amber Tester of Garrett; two brothers, David Daniels of Auburn and Christopher Back; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Deborah and Jeff Collins of St. Joe and Cathy and Ron Woodward of Kendallville; a nephew, Tyler Woodward; and six nieces, Jessi Christen, Sierra Woodward, Ashleah Woodward, Hayleigh Collins, Darien Collins and Brylyn Collins.

A private service will take place at a later date.

Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the funeral home to help with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 19, 2006, Wednesday

Gwendolin E. "Gwen" Liggett, 80

Churubusco -- Gwendolin E. "Gwen" iggett, 80, a resident of rural Churubusco and widow of Kenneth L. Liggett, died at 7:00 a.m. Sunday, July 16, 2006, at the family residence in Smith Township following an extended illness.

Mrs. Liggett was born in Chicago on January 18, 1926, a daughter of William and Fredonna (Yarian) Lutter. As an infant she moved with her parents to Knox and later to LaOtto. She spent her formative ears in the LaOtto-area, and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1946. She later graduated from beauty college in Fort Wayne and worked as a beautician for a period.

On October 11, 1947 she was married in LaOtto to Kenneth L. Liggett. The couple lived in Fort Wayne following their marriage, and later moved to LaOtto before settling in Churubusco in 1958.

She was employed at Magnavox for 15 years, first in Garrett and later in Columbia City, retiring from there in 1989.

Serving as a volunteer 4-H leader for 25 years, she was also a member of the Smith Township Home Extension Club.

Mr. Liggett preceded her in death on October 18, 2004.

The surviving relatives include her children Linda K. Wick of Fort Wayne, Judy A. Liggett, Kenneth L. (Theresa) Liggett, and Tim L. (Lisa) Liggett, all of Churubusco, Donna M. (Jay) Hilliard of Avilla, and Holly D. (Mark) Redding of Fort Wayne; and five brothers Clarence Lutter, James (Beverly) Lutter, and Ralph (Lois) Lutter, all of LaOtto, William (Della) Lutter and Robert (Sharon) Lutter, both of Fort Wayne. There are 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home with Rev. Gregory Enstrom, pastor of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Beth Payton, 45

MORELAND, KY – Beth Stienbarger Payton, 45, of South Fork died Thursday, July 13, 2006, at Ephraim McDowell R.M.C.

Mrs. Payton was a former assistant deli manager at Durhams Grocery in Stanford.

She attended the Lighthouse Tabernacle.

Mrs. Payton was born Feb. 10, 1961, in Westminster, Calif., to Earl and Beverly (Hayden) Stienbarger.

Survivors include her husband, Robert C. Payton; two daughters, Roxanne and Ashley Peck of Syracuse; three sisters, Vickie Howard and Mary Stonebraker both of Kendallville, and Cindy Helmer of Avilla; and one grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Anna Stienbarger; and a brother, Greg Stienbarger.

Services were held Saturday, July 15, 2006, at New Hope Baptist Church with David Fralix and Joey Harness officiating. Burial was in New Salem Cemetery.

W. L. Pruitt Funeral Home in Hustonville, Ky., was in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 19, 2006, Wednesday

Beulah Wells, 78

AVILLA – Beulah B. Wells, 78, of Avilla, died at 9:05 a.m. Friday, July 14, 2006, in Parkview Noble Hospital's Critical Care Unit in Kendallville.

She worked in the East Noble School Corp. cafeterias for many years and also worked in dietary at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla for many years.

She had lived in the Avilla community all her life.

Mrs. Wells was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She enjoyed playing cards, especially euchre and bingo, listening to music, visiting with people, and animals, especially dogs.

On Nov. 29, 1927, in Churubusco, she was born to Denver and Mary (Christon) Herron.

She married Clarence A. Wells in Auburn on Dec. 28, 1945. He preceded her in death on Sept. 28, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Mary Kaye Wells, Westfield, and Richard and Sharrel Wells, Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Kenneth Helmkamp, Avilla; five grandchildren, Suzane Wells, Angela Cassidy, Elizabeth Way, Brett Helmkamp and Sara Myer; and five great-grandchildren, Matthew, Samuel, Anna, Jack and Kinsey.

Services were held Monday, July 17, 2006, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Thomas Dunbar officiating. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Roy Riddle, 56

ALBION – Roy S. Riddle, 56, rural Albion, died Monday, July 17, 2006, in Eau Claire, Wis. He was found dead of natural causes in the Flying J. Truck Stop in that city.

Surviving are his mother, Catherine (Cox) Riddle, two brothers and sisters-in-law, Fred and Mary Ann Riddle and John and Sharon Riddle, all of Albion.

Arrangements are pending with Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Carolyn Trowbridge, 76

KENDALLVILLE – Carolyn Trowbridge, 76, of Kendallville, died Friday, July 14, 2006, at the home of her daughter, Cathy Brellenthin, in Auburn.

Mrs. Trowbridge was a homemaker and member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

On Aug. 23, 1929, in Kendallville, she was born to Lester and Beulah (Rehwinkel) Wolf.

She married Cecil George Trowbridge on Aug. 23, 1946, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1993. Also preceding her in death were a brother, Richard Wolf, and a sister, Joann Cogan.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy Weber, Kendallville, Pam and Steve Munger, Garrett, LuAnn Rathke, Albion, and Cathy and Wally Brellenthin, Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard Trowbridge, Kendallville, and Bill and Brenda Trowbridge, Washington state; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Lou and Don Smart, Kendallville; 14 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 20, 2006, Thursday

Woman charged in fatal crash

CRASH: *Prosecutor says actions warrant charges in case*

BY MATT GETTS
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ALBION — The Texas woman allegedly responsible for the car-motorcycle crash that killed a Michigan man on Sunday in Kendallville was charged Wednesday in Noble Superior Court with a Class D felony count of involuntary manslaughter.

Victoria Garza, 18, of Mission, Texas, also faces charges of reckless driving, a Class B misdemeanor, and criminal recklessness, a Class A misdemeanor.

A Class D felony is punishable by a maximum of three years in prison.

Garza's first court appearance has been scheduled for 1 p.m. today.

According to a press release from the Noble County Prosecutor's Office, Garza was driving a Mercury sedan eastbound on U.S. 6 from the S.R. 3 intersection when witnesses stated Garza passed at least five vehicles on the right at a high rate of speed.

Witnesses told police that Garza appeared to lose control of her vehicle, causing it to fishtail multiple times and move into the westbound lane of traffic near Donaldson Street. Her car struck a motorcycle being driven westbound by Mark J. Lipscomb, 29, of Sturgis, Mich., at approximately 7:24 p.m. in front of Si Senior Restaurant, 903 W. North St. (U.S. 6).

Garza

Lipscomb was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office. A passenger on the motorcycle, Lacey Jonston, 27, of Rome City was airlifted from the scene in critical condition.

An Indiana State Police crash reconstructionist estimated Garza's speed to be in excess of 63 mph when she lost control of her vehicle. The posted speed limit in the area of the crash changes from 45 mph to 35 mph.

"The filing of charges today comes after a careful review of the evidence in this case," Clouse said in the press release. "It is my considered opinion that the actions of Ms. Gaza go far beyond that of mere negligence, and for that reason a criminal charge is appropriate to be filed. This is not your basic auto accident."

Jonston's condition has been upgraded to fair condition, a Parkview Hospital spokeswoman said this morning.

The case was investigated by the Kendallville Police Department, with assistance from the Noble County Sheriff's Department, the Indiana State Police and the Noble County Coroner's Office.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 20, 2006, Thursday

Adarah Clark

SYRACUSE — Adarah Grace Clark was stillborn at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She is survived by her father, Jason Clark of Syracuse, and her mother, Tonya Smith of Wawaka; a sister, Ashley Sprague of Wawaka; four paternal grandparents, Dennis and Carol Thompson of Syracuse and Jay and Dawn Clark of Churubusco; two maternal grandparents, Bill and Deb Smith of Wawaka; two paternal great-grandparents, Gailen and Adabelle Hart of Florida; and four maternal great-grandparents, Lester "Pete" and Grace Keister of Albion and Dan and Shirley Smith of Ligonier.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Arrangements are by J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Sherry Chaffin

CHURUBUSCO — Sherry L. Chaffin, 49, of Churubusco died unexpectedly Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at her home in Holiday Park.

Among the surviving relatives is her husband, Roger D. Chaffin.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Kenneth Messer

HOUSTON, Texas — Kenneth James Messer, 41, formerly of the DeKalb County and Steuben County area died Saturday, July 1, 2006, in Houston, Texas.

Mr. Messer moved to Houston 1 1/2 years ago.

He had worked for Bundy Tubing in Ashley for several years and for Mossberg Industries in Garrett as a maintenance and production supervisor.

He graduated from Columbus West High School in Columbus, Ohio.

He was born Dec. 26, 1964, to Alvin and Susan Messer.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Alvin and Linda Messer of Houston; his mother, Susan Messer of Edgerton, Ohio; his four children, Kendra Ann Messer of Pleasant Lake and Tyger James Messer, Krystal Rose Messer and Leta Jade Messer, all of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Kelly and Donald Etheridge of Houston; and two half-sisters, Rose Davis and her husband, Randy, of Houston, and Raechel Messer of Houston.

Services were held July 7 at South Park Funeral Home in Pearland, Texas.

Dennis Eberly

FORT WAYNE — Dennis "Denny" Eberly, 42, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Eberly worked at National Form Tubing for 12 years. He was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his mother, Carol Eberly of New Haven; his father and stepmother, Ron and Marge Eberly of Defiance, Ohio; a stepsister Lisa Eberly of Defiance; and a stepgrandmother, Ethel Bultemeier Bohrer of Garrett.

Sevices will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in E. Harper and Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E, New Haven. Burial will be at IOOF Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday and from 9-10 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wernle Children's Home, Richmond, or Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

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Kendallville, IN
July 20, 2006, Thursday

Robert Lindberg

ANGOLA — Robert W. Lindberg, 33, of Angola died Thursday, July 13, 2006, in a car accident near Orland.

Mr. Lindberg

Mr. Lindberg was born April 22, 1973, in Glendale, Calif.

He spent his formative years living with his two families in Redding, Calif., and Grand Junction, Colo. In 1988, he moved full-time to Grand Junction and attended and graduated from Central High School. He was on the Central High swim team and set a school record for the breaststroke. He went to the state finals in his senior year. He also participated in the Grand Junction Dolphin Swim Team.

He attended Mesa State College for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. His specialty was radio communications. He was stationed in Grand Forks, N.D., and had assignments in England, France and Italy.

During his years in the Air Force, he completed his college education in computer technology. His final assignment with the Air Force was as an instructor of radio communications in Biloxi, Miss.

He spent the remaining years of his life in Angola. He was self-employed with a sound, satellite and home security business.

Surviving are his parents, Leslie Pape and Bob and Theresa Lindberg; a daughter, Amanda; two grandmothers, Honor Pape of Redondo Beach, Calif., and Corrine Danielson of Camarillo, Calif.; two aunts, Barbara Lindberg of Banning, Calif., and Shirley Lindsey of Grand Junction; and several cousins.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Callahan-Edfast Mortuary in Grand Junction. Military honors will be performed by members of the U.S. Air Force and the Grand Valley Combined Honor Guard at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado.

Memorials are to the Amanda M. Lindberg Fund, care of any Wells Fargo Bank.

Thelma Burns

AUBURN — Thelma M. Burns, 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Jo Anne Eggleston

ANGOLA — Jo Anne L. Eggleston, 73, of Angola died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Northern Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

There will be no services or calling, but a celebration of life gathering will be held at a later time.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
July 20, 2006, Thursday

Elizabeth Frey

TOPEKA — Elizabeth F. Frey, 87, of rural Topeka, died at 10:10 p.m. Monday, July 17, 2006, at her residence after an extended illness.

On Nov. 30, 1918, in LaGrange County, she was born to David R. Bontrager and Lydia (Christner) Frey. She married Joseph E. Frey on Jan. 4, 1940. He preceded her in death on Nov. 24, 1991.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Old Order Amish Church and had lived in LaGrange County all her life.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Freeman and Wilma Frey of Ligonier, and Richard and Barbara Frey of Shipshewana; five daughters and sons-in-law, Lydia Mae and Clarence J. Miller of Chouteau, Okla., Mary Ellen and Freddie J. Miller of Millersburg, Wilma and Orva Bontrager, and Edna and Freeman Jay Slabach, all of Shipshewana, and Katie Irene and Wilbur Lehman of Topeka; two daughters-in-law, Lydia Frey of Goshen and LeEtta Frey of Millersburg; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Katie Beechy of Gladwin, Mich., Mary Lehman of Ligonier, and Lydia (Raber) and Ervin Hostetler of Topeka; 72 grandchildren; 212 great-grandchildren; and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Daniel and Mervin Frey, two brothers, Levi and Amos Bontrager, a sister, Amanda Raber, two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held this morning at the family residence, with Bishop Glen Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Christner Cemetery, Topeka.

Condolences may be e-mailed to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Anna J. Napier

LIGONIER — Anna J. Napier, 52, Morton Street, died unexpectedly of natural causes Thursday, July 13, while visiting family in Hazard, Ky.

She was born Oct. 22, 1953, in Hazard, to Cleon and Geneva (Fugate) Napier. She had lived in Chicago before moving to Ligonier.

She was q mother, housewife and had done factory work.

She was first married to Harmon Jones, died in 1989. She later married Edmund Wines, who died in 2003.

Surviving are her mother, Geneva Napier, Hazard; a daughter, Geneva (Rodney) West, Warsaw; a son, Lee (Edith Rose) Jones, Shipshewana; a sister, Alma (Paul) Pence, Hazard; and a brother, David Childers, Hazard.

She was preceded in death by her father, a son, Richard Wines, and her two husbands.

There was be no calling.

The funeral service was Monday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials may be directed to Geneva West. Condolences may be sent to www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Celebration of Life service set for Roy Anspaugh

BRADENTON, Fla. — Roy Alvin Anspaugh, 77, of Bradenton and formerly of Wawaka, died Monday, July 3, 2006.

A "Celebration of His Life" will be hosted by his family and friends this Sunday, July 23, at 2 p.m. at the West Noble Memorial Garden Gazebo.

Mr. Anspaugh

Mr. Anspaugh had retired from West Noble School Corp.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Norma A. (Smith) Anspaugh; a daughter, Linda L. Walker of Bradenton; a son, Michael Anspaugh of Lakeland, Fla.; a half brother, Lloyd Anspaugh of Kalamazoo, Mich.; a half sister, Charlene Roseboom of Marcellus, Mich.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Stephen L. Anspaugh; a sister, Rosalie Birkhold; a brother, Paul Anspaugh; and a half sister Joyce Anspaugh.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging, P.O. Box 107, LaGrange, IN; Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota , FL 34238; or Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation, 12902 Magnolia Dr., Tampa, FL 33612

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 21, 2006, Friday

$10,000 bond set in fatal crash case

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — Bond was set at $10,000 in an involuntary manslaughter case in Noble Superior Court Division 1 Thursday — and when the judge said $10,000, he meant it.

The only way Victoria Garza, 18, of Mission, Texas, can bond out of the Noble County Jail is with a $10,000 surety bond paid to a bail-bondsman, Noble Superior Court Division 1 Judge Stephen Spindler ruled Thursday.

Garza was formally charged Thursday with involuntary manslaughter, a Class D felony; criminal recklessness with a vehicle, a Class A misdemeanor; and reckless driving, a Class B misdemeanor.

The charges stem from a Sunday crash that killed Mark J. Lipscomb, 29, of Sturgis, Mich., on U.S. 6 in Kendallville.

After Garza, traveling eastbound, allegedly passed at least five vehicles on the right at a high rate of speed, she then lost control of the Mercury sedan she drove, which struck the westbound motorcycle Lipscomb drove.

Lipscomb was pronounced dead at the scene by the Noble County Coroner's Office. A passenger on the motorcycle, Lacey Johnston, 27, of Rome City, was airlifted in critical condition to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

On Thursday, Garza appeared in court through a video hookup from the library of the Noble County Jail

Garza told Spindler that she is working a corn detasseling job in the area. Work relating to picked corn will keep her in the area through November, she said. She is staying with relatives at a local motel.

Noble County chief deputy prosecutor Joe Rowe said that Garza has no real ties to Indiana. Given the nature of the charges, he asked that bond be set at $250,000.

$10,000: *Judge rejects request for much higher bond*

"When's the last time we set a $250,000 bond in a Class D felony, Mr. Rowe?" Spindler asked.

Rowe said he believed $250,000 was an appropriate amount.

"Well, I think the request is excessive," Spindler said. While the charge is very serious in that it involves a death, Garza is just out of high school and has no criminal record, and the charges could only result in a maximum prison sentence of three years, he noted.

Spindler set the bond at $10,000 surety through a bail-bondsman only.

In Noble County, most bonds can be paid by paying 10 percent either to a bail-bondsman or to the county clerk, or by paying the entire amount to the clerk. Property can also be posted as a bond. However, judges can restrict the ways a bond can be paid.

Spindler also set conditions on Garza's bond. She cannot leave Indiana without permission.

She must also keep the court informed of her address and telephone number, and sign a waiver of extradition.

The next hearing in Garza's case is set for Sept. 18.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
July 21, 2006, Friday

Thelma Burns

AUBURN — Thelma M. Burns, 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Burns was a homemaker and also worked at the former Spiegel's and Schaab's department stores in Auburn.

She was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and the Pythian Sisters.

She was born in Auburn on Feb. 22, 1914, to Stephen and Emma (Rudolph) Shawver. They preceded her in death.

She married Wagner Burns on Oct. 26, 1935, in Auburn. He died July 5, 1980.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Jeanne Burns of Auburn; two daughters, Malinda Burns of Auburn and Sharon Koenig of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Kay Rowe and her husband, Don, Terry Carson and his wife, Barb, Greg Koenig, Rebecca Koenig, Sabrina Govin and her husband, Richard, John Burns and his wife, Charlotte, and Jeff Burns and his wife, Brandi; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jack Carson; a brother, John Shawver; a sister, Elizabeth Shawver; and a half-brother, Dewey Shawver.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be at the funeral home today from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10-11 a.m.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Carol Ridenour

KENDALLVILLE — Carol Jane Ridenour, 51, of Kendallville died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at the home of her parents in rural Roann.

A 1973 graduate of Manchester High School, she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in music from Great Lakes Bible College of Lansing, Mich., in 1977 and received her Master's degree in elementary education from Fort Hayes State University in Hayes, Kan. She also attended radiology school and was a member of the American Society of Radiological Technologists. She came to Roann from Kendallville in March 2006.

She was born Nov. 6, 1954, in Wabash to Leon and Phoebe (Roser) Ridenour. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Marcia and David Heaps of Chatham, Ill.; and two nieces, Manning and Kelsey Heaps of Chatham.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Roann Community Cemetery with John Leinbaugh officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash.

Memorials are to Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice.

A memorial guest book may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Patrick Schmutzler

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Patrick Jon Schmutzler, 47, of Santa Ana, Calif., died Nov. 30, 2005, in Irvine Regional Hospital & Medical Center at Irvine, Calif.

Mr. Schmutzler was raised in the Allport, Pa., area by his late grandparents, Orin H. and Lois (Hubler) Crowell. He was a Christian. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Horne and received the Naval Letter of Commendation. He was employed as a data technician by the U.S. Postal Service in Orange County, Calif.

He was born June 30, 1958, in Arlington, Va.

His father, Carl Ward Schmutzler, preceded him in death.

His mother, Joyce Crowell Schmutzler Yeary, survives in Clarkston, Ga.

Also surviving are a sister, Lisa A. Yeary of Stone Mountain, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Greg. A and Angie Yeary of Loganville, Ga.; two nieces, Taylor and Jenny Yeary, both of Loganville; a nephew, Nicholas Yeary of Loganville; several cousins; three uncles and their spouses, Ted A. and Mary Ann Crowell of Allport, Pa., James Neil and Theresa Crowell of Fairhope, Pa., and Jerry and Rebecca Crowel of Pataskala, Ohio; and two aunts and their spouses, Eula and Cal Mansfield of Auburn and Charles Lee and Harold Johnson of Garrett.

His father, Clellan Ted Yeary, preceded him in death.

A graveside memorial service will be today at 1 p.m. in Allport Cemetery at Allport, Pa. The Rev. Karen B. Allen will officiate.

Memorials are to the Gethsemane United Methodist Church bell tower fund, P.O. Box 188, Allport, PA 16821.

Strange & Weaver Funeral Service of Morrisdale, Pa., is in charge of arrangements.

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Hope Stoy

ANGOLA — Former Ashley resident Hope E. Stoy, 97, of Angola died Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Stoy was born July 5, 1909, in Fort Wayne to Forest and Eva (Camp) Miller. She was married to Olis J. Stoy on Nov. 27, 1929, and he preceded her in death on June 19, 1996.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Ashley United Methodist Church, where she was the organist for many years. She was a former member of Ashley Chapter No. 229 of the Order of the Eastern Star, where she was a past matron and served for many years as the organist.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Janice Stoy of Spencerville; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and many great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Jane Ellen Oberlin, on Aug. 8, 1995; two grandchildren, Tom Oberlin and Cheryl Stoy; and two brothers, Lloyd Miller and Carl Rodenbeck.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Becky Brault officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to Ashley United Methodist Church or League for the Blind.

David Schaffer

ANGOLA — David H. Schaffer, 65, of Angola died Thursday, July 20, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Schaffer had lived in Angola for 13 years, coming from Muncie. He was born Aug. 20, 1940, in Portsmouth, Va., to Henry and Marcella (Harney) Schaffer. He was married to Jayne Humphrey on Oct. 11, 1990, in Sieverville, Tenn., and she survives.

He was a member of the Army Reserve with the 2093rd unit in Dayton, Ohio, from 1960-1966. He had been employed by Mishawaka Standard Co. in Topeka since August 1995 and was previously employed by Dayton Walther Corp. in Muncie and Fayette, Ohio, from 1984-95.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Carrie and Brian Winningham of Muncie and Sarah and Scott Temple of Angola; two grandchildren, Bryce Winningham and Cole Temple; three brothers, Michael Schaffer and Christopher Schaffer, both of Pennsylvania, and Timothy Schaffer of Maryland; and a sister, Catherine Schaffer-Carmone of New Jersey.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Lou Schaffer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Elm Ridge Cemetery, Muncie.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Ignatio Martinez

MILLERSBURG — Ignatio A. Martinez, 83, of Millersburg, died Wed., July 19, 2006, after an extended illness.

Mr. Martinez was a 22-year veteran of the U.S. Army. He served during World War II in the European Theater. He worked for Universal Co-Op in Goshen, retiring in 1985.

Mr. Martinez was born Feb. 1, 1923, in El Paso, Texas, to C. and Petra Martinez.

He married Lieselotte Gillmann on June 11, 1952, while on a tour of duty in Germany. She survives in Millersburg.

Mr. Martinez is also survived by a daughter, Petra Beiring, also of Millersburg.

A private family service has been planned with no public visitation. The service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Kline Funeral Home in Millersburg.

Following the service, burial will take place at Brown Cemetery in Millersburg.

Arrangements by Kline Funeral Home of Millersburg.

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Harry Hinen

COLUMBIA CITY — Harry J. Hinen, 75, of Fort Myers, Fla., and Columbia City, died Mon., July 17, 2006, at Hospice House North in Cape Coral, Fla.

Mr. Hinen

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was employed by International Harvester from 1950-52 and then went to work at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne, retiring in January 1984.

Mr. Hinen was also a truck farmer in Angola from 1979-89.

He was a member of American Legion Post 160 in Roanoke.

Mr. Hinen was born in Jefferson Township, Whitley County, on Jan. 9, 1931, to Henry and Irene (Pequignot) Hinen. He graduated from Jefferson Center High School in 1950. He lived in Whitley County until he and his wife moved to Angola in 1979. He moved to North Fort Myers, Fla., in 1992.

On Nov. 4, 1950, Mr. Hinen married Donna Sheets in Roanoke. She survives in North Fort Myers.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Joseph and Debbie Hinen of Albion, Jim Hinen of Roanoke and Richard Hinen of Kingsport, Tenn.; two daughters, Jackie McKee of Fort Wayne and Cathy Pippin of Glade Springs, Va.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Clarence and Nancy Hinen and Francis and Linda Hinen, both of Fort Wayne, and Arthur and Donna Hinen of Columbia City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and David Hasty of Roanoke and Pat and Robert Kehmeyer of Columbia City; three sisters-in-law, Gaylen and Joyce Hinen Fort Wayne and Ester Hinen of Huntington; 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, John, Ralph, Roy and infant brother Robert; two daughters, Connie Gordon and Tamera Hinen; and two grandsons, Harley Davidson Pippin and Rob Minnick.

A funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 641 N. Main St., Roanoke, with the Rev. Kenneth Sarrazine officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, and one hour prior to the funeral Mass. A Rosary service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Graveside military services will be conducted by the Roanoke American Legion Post 160 at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mr. Hinen's memory to the American Lung Association.

Condolences can be sent to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Rodney Oliver

SHIPSHEWANA — Rodney Eugene Oliver, 50, of Shipshewana, died Sat., July 15, 2006, at his residence.

Mr. Oliver worked as a cabinet maker for Jayco RV. He was a member of Living Stones Christian Fellowship.

He was born Nov. 17, 1955, in Eldorado, Ill., to James Clayton Oliver and Lillian Faye (Turner) Oliver.

He married Janice Susan (Harrawood) Oliver. She survives.

Also surviving is a son and daughter-in-law, Rodney and Nicole Oliver of Topeka; a daughter and son-in-law, Brandi and Joseph Drake, of Topeka; three brothers and three sisters-in-law, Johny Clay and Marilyn Oliver of Michigan, Daniel Lee and Via Oliver, of Middlebury and James Lowell and Loretta Oliver of Middlebury; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Brenda K. Markham of Elkhart and Cheryl Marie and Chris Rimbaugh of Middlebury; and three grandchildren, Jared Drake, Payton Oliver and Colton Oliver, all of Topeka.

Services were held Thursday at Colonial Terrace Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Garty officiating.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Livingstone Christian Fellowship in Middlebury.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.colonialterracefuneralhome.com.

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Sheri Chaffin

CHURUBUSCO — Sheri L. Chaffin, 49, of Churubusco, died unexpectedly Wed., July 19, 2006, at the family residence in Holiday Park.

Mrs. Chaffin

She attended the Columbia City Freewill Baptist Church and was a member of the Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary. She loved to collect angels and had a strong faith.

Mrs. Chaffin had been employed at Dana Corp. in Syracuse for nearly 30 years.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Oct. 19, 1956, to Wilbur and Nelly (Bell) Baughman and spent most of her life in the Churubusco and Columbia City areas.

She married Roger D. Chaffin on April 2, 1987, and had moved from Tri-Lakes to her present home in Churubusco two years ago.

Survivors include her husband and parents; two sons, Jeremy Geiger of Churubusco and Tony Geiger of Columbia City; a sister and brother-in-law, Alecia and Don Fahl of Columbia City; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Michael and Jean Baughman, Wilbur Baughman Jr. and Dennis Baughman, all of Churubusco, and Larry and Julie Baughman of Warsaw; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Columbia City Freewill Baptist Church, 203 E. Ellsworth St., with Pastor Bill Smith officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco or at the church one hour before services.

Burial will take place at Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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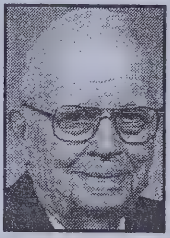
Dale Davis

WATERLOO — Dale E. Davis, 95, of Waterloo, died Friday, July 21, 2006, in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home at Butler.


Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis was a retired Grant Township farmer and was in the cattle-hauling business for 50 years.

He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, the Garrett Masonic Lodge and the White Shrine. He was a charter member of the DeKalb County Horseman's Association.

He was born in Jackson Township on Oct. 4, 1910, to Chester and Emma (Myers) Davis. They preceded him in death.

He married June Campbell in 1926, and she died in 1961. He married Reuah Bixler in 1962. She preceded him in death in 2004.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and David Capp of Butler; a brother and sister-in-law, Chester and Donna Mae Davis of Auburn; two sisters, Dorothy Lower of Huntington and Meredith Owens of Garrett; four grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Irven, and a grandson.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakewood Park Christian School, 5555 C.R. 29, Auburn, IN 46706, or The Cornerstone Christian School, 4304 S. Oak St., Avilla, IN 46701.

Doris Cummings

BUTLER — Doris M. Cummings, 79, of Butler and formerly of Steuben County died Friday, July 21, 2006, at Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mrs. Cummings was a homemaker when living in her own home.

She was born May 1, 1927, in Flint, Jackson Township, Steuben County to Leonard J. and Edna M. (Rogers) Petre. She married Irving Cummings. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Cummings is survived by a brother, Leonard Petre of Butler; and six sisters, Dorothy Bienz and Edna Brown, both of Angola, Zora May Eckert of South Carolina, Emma Summey of Hamilton, Katie Suddeth of Michigan and her twin sister, Lois Beevers, of Edon, Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by a son, James Morlin, and a brother, Daniel Petre.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County. Pastor Darold Beck will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Weicht Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

America Tice

LIGONIER — America Certrude Tice, 83, of Ligonier and formerly of Wawaka, died Friday at Regency Place Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Robert Lindberg

FREMONT — A memorial dinner for Robert W. Lindberg will be held Monday at 6:30 p.m. The Fremont Moose Lodge at 1665 E. S.R. 120, of which Lindberg was a member, will host the dinner. Lindberg, 33, Angola, died in a car wreck near Orland on July 13.

William Moon

ANGOLA — William R. Moon, 78, of Angola died Friday, July 21, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mr. Moon worked in maintenance for a manufacturing company.

He was born March 27, 1928, in Kendallville to William and Anna (Trese) Moon. He married Rosie Ellen (Howard) Moon on Aug. 10, 1963. She survives in Angola.

Mr. Moon is also survived by three brothers, Jerry, Richard and Frank Moon.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be no services or calling.

Weicht Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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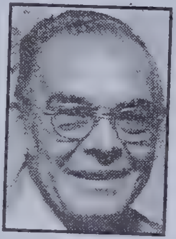
THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include an additional surviving relative.*

Harry Hinen

COLUMBIA CITY — Harry J. Hinen, 75, of Fort Myers, Fla., and Columbia City, died Monday, July 17, 2006, at Hospice House North in Cape Coral, Fla.


Mr. Hinen

He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was employed by International Harvester from 1950-52 and then went to work at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne, retiring in January 1984.

Mr. Hinen was also a truck farmer in Angola from 1979-89.

He was a member of American Legion Post 160 in Roanoke.

Mr. Hinen was born in Jefferson Township, Whitley County, on Jan. 9, 1931, to Henry and Irene (Pequignot) Hinen. He graduated from Jefferson Center High School in 1950. He lived in Whitley County until he and his wife moved to Angola in 1979. He moved to North Fort Myers, Fla., in 1992.

On Nov. 4, 1950, Mr. Hinen married Donna Sheets in Roanoke. She survives in North Fort Myers.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Joseph and Debbie Hinen of Albion, Jim Hinen of Roanoke and Richard Hinen of Kingsport, Tenn.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jackie and David McKee of Fort Wayne and Cathy Pippin of Glade Springs, Va.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Clarence and Nancy Hinen and Francis and Linda Hinen, all of Fort Wayne, and Arthur and Donna Hinen of Columbia City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and David Hasty of Roanoke and Pat and Robert Kehmeyer of Columbia City; three sisters-in-law, Gaylen Hinen and Joyce Hinen of Fort Wayne and Esther Hinen of Huntington; 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, John, Ralph, Roy and infant brother Robert; two daughters, Connie Gordon and Tamera Hinen; and two grandsons, Harley Davidso Pippin and Rob Minnick.

A funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 641 N. Main St., Roanoke, with the Rev. Kenneth Sarrazine officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, and one hour prior to the funeral Mass. A Rosary service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Graveside military services will be conducted by the Roanoke American Legion Post 160 at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mr. Hinen's memory to the American Lung Association.

Condolences can be sent to www.demoneygrimes.com.

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Ms. Sine a woman of varied talents

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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THURMONT, Md. — Shelley Sine died on July 8, but there is a reminder of the last time she was in the Thurmont, Md. home she shared with her companion Jim Beachley that remains.

"Her shoes are still by the table where she took them off last, and I can't touch them," Jim said. "Everything in this place, she touched."

Jim said he feels lucky to have had Shelley — who he called his soul mate — in his life, although their time together was short.

"I've met a lot of people in my 56 years," he said. "She was the kindest, truest, gentlest soul I've ever met."

Shelley, a longtime Steuben County resident originally from Orland, succumbed to bile duct cancer after she was diagnosed in early June. The daughter of Wilma and Ralph Thomas of Orland was 50.

Jim said Shelley started having chest pains in May and thought she had just pulled or twisted something while working in the period antiques store the couple had in Thurmont.

The couple went to what is known as the 400-Mile Long Yard Sale, an event that happens each year and stretches across the state of Kentucky, in early June. They had talked about making the trip for years, but Jim said this year he just told Shelley to pack her bags because they were going.

"I knew if we talked about it too much, we wouldn't go," he said.

Although Shelley still didn't feel well, she and Jim had a wonderful weekend shopping, sight-seeing and riding on paddle-wheeled steamboats. Their trip took five days, and when they returned home, it became evident that something was seriously wrong with Shelley.

"She tried to open our store the next weekend, and she was so ill she just couldn't do it," Jim said sadly. "I saw how yellow she was ... it was all downhill from there."

FILE PHOTO

Shelley Sine is shown in one of her former column photos.

This was a complete about face from a person known for being happy.

"She was always a smiling, happy, bubbly person," said her mother, Wilma. "She was a joy."

Shelley had lived in the Orland and Angola areas her entire life when she moved to Maryland nearly six years ago. She was an interior designer by trade, and found Jim, a cabinet maker who specializes in 18th-century reproductions who is also an expert in the consultation, identification and research of 17th-, 18th- and 19th-century furniture, on the Internet.

"She contacted me for lumber sources, and she just questioned me to death," Jim said with a smile in his voice. "She was fascinated with what I did."

Jim said Shelley kept asking him questions long-distance for two or three weeks, and he finally asked her to come see him in person so he could take her to meet the people she was asking about and take her to dinner. Shelley did just that, and the couple met face-to-face for the first time in the late summer of 2000.

"She was a brave, brave little girl," Jim said. "She left all her friends, all her family, all her animals to move to this strange, new world."

Wilma said even after

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Shelley moved to Maryland, she called home "at least a couple of times a week as a rule."

Jim and Shelley lived outside of Thurmont in an 18th-century inn in a tiny burg called Creagerstown. Although they lived the country, Creagerstown is only a short distance from such places as Georgetown, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., which allowed Shelley to "get her big city fix," Jim said.

Shelley wrote a food column, "Everyday Gourmet," for the Herald-Republican during the 1990s, and Jim said that she still loved to cook, eat out and go to wine tastings. He also listed movies and concerts as some of their favorite date destinations.

"Shelley wrote an informative cooking column that was very popular with our readers," said Mike Marturello, editor of the Herald-Republican. We were sorry that the column ended, and were saddened by the news of her passing at such a young age in life. Shelley was very pleasant to work with. She had a way of putting a smile on your face."

Jim said that Shelley so enjoyed writing the food column that she had begun shopping it to newspapers in Maryland.

Jim and Shelley hadn't set a firm date or chosen a place yet, but they were planning on being married this summer. Jim said the wedding likely would have taken place in Orland.

"We were there a lot to see her folks and her family," Jim said. "I knew them and her friends well."

After her diagnosis, Shelley lived "three weeks plus some days," Jim said. Her cancer had attacked her liver, and complications from the disease so ravaged her that she was never in a condition to undergo chemotherapy.

Services were held for Shelley on July 14, and she was laid to rest in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. A memorial service was being held in Thurmont for Shelley this weekend, and late last week Jim was still working on the eulogy.

"I could write a book about Shelley and how wonderful she was," he said softly. "This is just so hard. It's destroyed me. She was my life."

Wilma said Shelley had a sensitive heart.

"If she thought someone didn't like her, she'd wonder what she'd done," she said.

For Jim, even common, everyday things are difficult without Shelley by his side.

"We couldn't even go to the grocery store apart," he said. "I'm going to have to find another grocery store ... the ones around here all have memories. We just finally got it right when we found each other, and we were joined at the hip."

Jim said while he only has a handful of true friends, Shelley "collected people."

"She had so many friends, and they were all so different from each other," he said.

Jim said he had lived in his home for 30 years and had barely spoken 10 words to his neighbors, but that Shelley won them over in record time.

"After she died, the daughters came through our courtyard here with a box full of pies, breads and cheeses. They wanted to make sure I was eating," he said. "Before Shelley, they never would have cared. But she had collected those people."

Wilma said she and her family were blindsided by Shelley's untimely passing.

"She was way too young, but we don't have a choice in that matter," she said.

Shelley died at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington.

"I held her in my arms the whole day before she passed away," Jim said quietly. "I was just holding her and kissing her, and she was kissing me back until about an hour before she passed. I am honored to have been that close to her when she left this earth. It is all a person can ask for."

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Glenn Hayden

PEWAUKEE, Wis. — Glenn William Hayden, 65, died Thursday, July 20, 2006, at his daughter's residence.

Mr. Hayden was an entrepreneur and a successful businessman. He started the original Banner Crafts (Ben Franklin) in Hartford, Wis., in 1984, and also owns the Banner Crafts in Menomonee Falls, Wis., Grafton, Wis., and Waukesha, Wis. He owned Legendz, formerly Marty Zivko's Ballroom, from 1990-1998.

He enjoyed boating, fishing, and his grandchildren. He was also a member of the Hartford Lions Club.

He was born March 4, 1941, in Rock Falls, Wis., to Robert and Lucille (Kern) Hayden.

He married Vivian Ciancimino on Nov. 18, 1961, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Waukesha.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Bob Teel of Hartland, Wis.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Tracy Hayden of Arizona, and Carlo Hayden of San Diego, Calif.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Evie and Chuck Schoenoff, Elaine and Allen Hoff, Sally and Larry Jansen; two sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law, Marie Hayden and Maria and Steve Vick; one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Fred and Joanne Ciancimino; and eight grandchildren, Dominic, Bobby, Noah, McKenzie, Connor, Shaye, Hayden and Payton; and a former wife, Susan Wood.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Vivian; brothers and a sister-in-law, Vernon and Jean Hayden and Ken Hayden.

Services will be at 7 p.m. today at the Shimon Funeral Home, 824 Union St., Hartford, Wis., with the Rev. David LaPlante officiating. Burial is in the St. Kilian Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society for Lung Cancer Research, the Rolland Nelson Crossroads Hospice, Hartland, or to the Hartford Lions Club.

Richard Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Richard E. Becker, 62, was found dead on Friday, July 21, 2006, at his residence in Ethel, W.V.

Mr. Becker was born January 19, 1944, to Ralph C. and Miriam A. (Warble) Becker in Kendallville. His mother survives in Kendallville.

He entered the U.S. Army at age 17 and served his country for two tours of duty in Viet Nam.

Also surviving are six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Katherine and Hugh Mullin of Kendallville, Louise Coil of Fort Wayne, Janice and James Tuttle of Auburn, Rozann Becker of Fort Wayne, Linda and Fred McWhinney of Kendallville, and Victoria Becker of Kendallville; and one brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Sandy Becker of Fort Collins, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his father and two sisters, Marjorie Ryder and Nancy Simon.

Calling and visitation is pending.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

HIte Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

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Viola Smeltzer

MIDDLEBURY — Viola Frances Smeltzer, 88, of Middlebury, died at her residence at 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2006. She had been in declining health since March.

Mrs. Smeltzer

Mrs. Smeltzer was a homemaker and a graduate of nursing school. She was employed at Whitehall Pharmaceuticals, Elkhart, and retired from Excell, Elkhart, in 1977 after 27 years.

She was a member of Little Pine Church of the Brethren.

She was born Nov. 16, 1917, in St. Joseph County, to Frank and Laura (Birk) Hahn.

She married Clyde Smeltzer on June 30, 1936. He died April 25, 1993.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donald Wayne Smeltzer, Dana Clyde and Tamara Smeltzer, of Middlebury, and Quinn and Dorthea Smeltzer of Bristol; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Darien Ditmars of Middlebury; a daughter-in-law, Beverly Smeltzer of Elkhart; 13 grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Glennis LeRoy Smeltzer; four brothers; one sister; a grandchild; and a great grandchild.

Services were at Fridayat Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. John McFarland of Little Pine Church of the Brethren officiating.

Burial was in the Little Pine Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to the Hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

Ruth Heffley

AUBURN — Ruth A. Heffley, 96, of Auburn died Friday, July 21, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Heffley was a homemaker. She was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn, Souls Harbor Assembly of God church in Auburn, the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the DeKalb County Homemakers Club.

She was born Oct. 7, 1909, in Butler to Frank and Emma (Love) Snyder.

She married Kenneth N. Heffley on May 30, 1926, in Hillsdale, Mich. He died Nov. 15, 1978.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Donaldson of Auburn; a son, Larry Heffley of Auburn; nine grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Deller; two brothers, Dale and Millard Snyder; and a grandson, Kim Heffley.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

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DeElda Knafel

CHURUBUSCO — DeElda E. Knafel, 93, of Kendallville and formerly of rural Churubusco died at 8:50 a.m. Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center in Kendallville where she had been a resident since early June. Prior to that she had lived at the Lamplighter in Kendallville.

Mrs. Knafel

Mrs. Knafel had been a homemaker.

She had attended Churubusco United Brethren Church in her youth. She later took instruction in the Lutheran faith, was baptized and became a member of St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township in 1965.

She and her husband were members of the Guys & Gals Square Dance Club for 25 years.

Mrs. Knafel was born Aug. 19, 1912, in Allen County to George and Florence (Hyndman) Gaff. She married Paul Knafel on April 24, 1930, in South Bend. He died July 27, 1999.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Betty and William Smith and Wanda and Richard Maroney, all of Wolcottville, and Sandra Elser and Sue Grabill, both of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Joan Gaff of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous stepgrandchildren, stepgreat-grandchildren and stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Audrey Gaff; and a brother, Gail Gaff.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Ralph Esterhaus of St. John's Lutheran Church — Lake Township officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the church or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

America Tice

LIGONIER — America Gertrude Trice, 83, of Ligonier died at 7:05 a.m. Friday, July 21, 2006, at Regency Place Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Trice had been a homemaker and registered nurse.

She had moved to Ligonier in 1952 from Wawaka.

Mrs. Trice was born July 18, 1923, in Grundy, Va., to Halder and Victoria (Davis) Munsey. She married Willis Tice on March 15, 1952, in Angola. He died in 1973.

Surviving are a niece, Kathy Hackney of Virginia, and her best friend, Elizabeth Malone of rural Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Hassel Munsey.

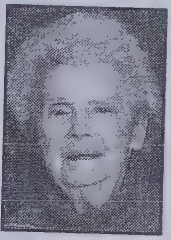
Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospital.

Evelyn Frazee

AVILLA — Evelyn M. Frazee, 88, died Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.


Mrs. Frazee

Mrs. Frazee formerly lived in South Bend and worked as a seamstress at South Bend Tent and Awning.

She was born March 28, 1918, in Garrett to Perry F. and Thresa C. (Hollis) Pence.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald West of Heber Springs, Ark., and Raymond Frazee of South Bend; a brother and sister-in-law, Bernard and Joan Pence of Garrett; and four grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, James West and Frank Frazee; three brothers, LeRoy, Ray and Edward Pence; and three sisters, Joan Benson, Kathryn Likens and Nancy Rupert.

A rosary service will begin at 10:10 a.m. Wednesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, followed by a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m., with Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from 9:30-10:10 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Patricia Masters

ANGOLA — Patricia A. Masters, 72, of Angola died Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Masters was born July 3, 1934, in Angola to Peter E. and Mildred (Kintner) Dick. She was a shipping clerk for Moore Business Forms in Angola.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Lori Masters and Monty and Kathy Masters, all of Fremont; two sisters, Louise Orborn of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Joan Vogelpohl of Columbus, Ohio; three grandchildren, Jimmy, Sarah and Renee; and her caregiver and friend, Patricia Rupp.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Peter, George and Harold Dick; and a sister, Laura Purdon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Darold Beck officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Diabetes Association.

Margaret Esselburn

WATERLOO — Margaret V. Esselburn, 84, of Waterloo died this morning, July 24, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Helen Brady

LIGONIER — Helen L. Brady, 85, of Ligonier died at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Green Croft Nursing Center in Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Joseph Ringler Jr.

SHIPSHEWANA — Joseph "Joe" Ringler Jr., 59, of Shipshewana died at 2 a.m. Monday, July 24, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

THE NEWS SUN
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Fiery wreck kills 6

BY MICHAEL MARTURELLO
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FREMONT — An early morning wreck today killed six people, authorities said.

At about 4:30 a.m. today, a sport utility vehicle carrying six people lost control on C.R. 100E north of Feather Valley Road, about a mile west of Fremont, crashing into a tree on the west side of the road, Steuben County Sheriff's Department officials said. The vehicle burst into flames and killed all of its occupants.

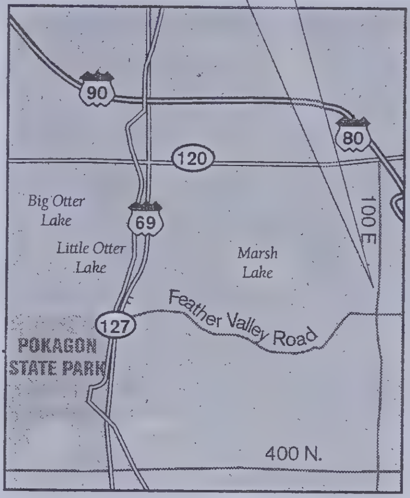
Though the license plate on the vehicle was difficult to read, it was determined that the vehicle was local, Steuben County Sheriff Rick Lewis said.

"As bad as the bodies were burned it is going to take some time to ID them," Lewis said. "We're going to have to go through dental records."

Deputy Randy Albright said it appeared the northbound vehicle blew through the intersection and then lost control north of Feather Valley Road where C.R. 100E becomes gravel. There also is an active spring on the west side of the road that keeps the surface wet, said Ken Pennick, Steuben County Highway Department superintendent.

Six killed in car accident west of Fremont

Six people were killed in an accident early Tuesday morning off C.R. 100E, about 1 mile west of Fremont. The identities of the victims have not been revealed.



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Horrific Fatal Crash

MICHAEL MARTUREI

Steuben County Sheriff Rick Lewis walks away from the accident scene where six people were killed this morning. It appears the driver of the vehicle lost control on C.R. 100E, struck a tree then burst into flames, killing all of its occupants.

Deputy Todd Patterson said residents who live near the scene, south of Feather Valley, heard the wreck and left their home and went to investigate.

"When they came down they found the vehicle in flames," Patterson said.

The vehicle was wedged between the ditch and the tree that it hit. The area where the wreck occurred is remote, with heavy woods and marshes. The area lies north of Lake Minnefenokee and east of Marsh Lake, near wetland areas.

Feather Valley Road is at the crest of a hill where C.R. 100E crosses. Residents told police motorists often run through the intersection, where C.R. 100E traffic is supposed to stop for Feather Valley Road.

Firefighters from Fremont and Angola fire departments responded. The tree the vehicle hit was still smoldering two hours after the wreck.

The fire was so intense that it burned up the license plate on the vehicle, compounding the investigation.

Officers were going to try to determine who owned the vehicle and then start the process of identifying the victims.

"We're just in the early process of identification," Patterson said.

"It's going to take some sorting out by the coroner," Lewis said. Coroner Rodney Snyder was on the scene this morning, sifting through the wreckage with the aid of firefighters in hazardous materials gear.

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Margaret Esselburn

WATERLOO — Margaret V. Esselburn, 85, died Monday, July 24, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Esselburn was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and American Legion Post 31 Auxiliary in Angola. She was a past member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Butler, the Loyal Order of Moose at Angola and the Hamilton Fish & Game Club.

She was born Sept. 7, 1920, in DeKalb County to Howard and Edith (Leins) Holman. They preceded her in death.

She married Jay Dorsie Esselburn on Aug. 1, 1936, in LaGrange. He died June 30, 1976.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, DeWayne and Ginette Esselburn of Pleasant Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Don Sattison of Auburn; a sister, Esther Keller of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

A sister, Wilma Dove, preceded her in death.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in St. Michael Catholic Cemetery in rural Waterloo.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a rosary service beginning at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Carl Schlosser

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Carl T. Schlosser, 77, died Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Harborside Healthcare in Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. Schlosser was an iron worker his entire life. He enjoyed gardening and was a member of the Hicksville Eagles Aerie 2556 and the Iron Workers Union 147.

He was born Feb. 28, 1929, in Defiance County, Ohio, the son of Arthur and Mabel (Sisco) Schlosser.

He married Dorothy Swartz on May 24, 1950. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are five daughters and four sons-in-law, Terry and Victor Silcott of Hicksville, Barbara and Rudy Jasso of Bryan, Ohio, Judy and Larry Keeley of Hicksville, Sandy Keeley of Hicksville and Kelly and Bill Cannon of Spencerville; one son and daughter-in-law, Norman and Cindy Schlosser of Hicksville; 22 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Clayton "Sonnie" and Laura Schlosser of Auburn and David and Renee Schlosser of Lafayette; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary "Tootie" Greutman-Scott and her husband, Frank, of Hicksville, Anna Marie and Donald Hoover of Spencerville and Linda and Bruce Doctor of Hicksville.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio. The Rev. Clarence Zimmerman will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery at Hicksville.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jeremy Page

EDON, Ohio — Jeremy S. Page, 34, of Edon, Ohio, died Monday, July 24, 2006, at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville, Ohio, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Page was a press operator for 20/20 Custom Molded Plastics in Holiday City, Ohio, for the past four years. Prior to that, he had worked for Regent Manufacturing in Edgerton, Ohio, and the former Custom Repack in Bryan, Ohio.

He was born June 17, 1972, in Piqua, Ohio, to Steve J. and Linda M. (Miller) Page. He married Jan L. Hutchinson on May 28, 1994, in Bryan. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Dustin McIlvain of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Chase McIlvain and Allister Page, both at home; his parents in Bryan; a sister and brother-in-law, Dulcey and Jay Speck of Garrett; a brother, Steve Page Jr.; his maternal grandparents, Harold and Garnet Miller of Springfield, Ohio; his paternal grandparents, John and Maxine Pippin of Edgerton; his paternal great-grandfather, Charles Page of Mulberry, Fla.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by an infant child, Jamie Page; and his grandmother, Nancy Pippin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with the Rev. Rose Lewis officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Memorials are to Shriner's Children's Hospital or the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be left online at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Shawn Newburg

SOUTH BEND — Navy Lt. j.g. Shawn Newburg, 25, died July 18, 2006, in Kings Bay, Ga., from injuries in a motorcycle accident.

Mr. Newburg

Mr. Newburg was commissioned into the United States Navy on May 17, 2003, and stationed in Kings Bay on the USS Maryland where he served as assistant weapons officer.

He had been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Strategic Deterrent Patrol with one gold star.

Mr. Newburg was a 1999 graduate of North Central High School in Indianapolis and a 2003 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. While at Notre Dame he was a member of the rock climbing and rodeo clubs and served as captain and president of the Notre Dame Boxing Team. He had recently been competing in triathlons and was a member of USA Triathlon.

He was born Sept. 19, 1980, in Okinawa, Japan, to Yvonne Dietrich and Dennis Geer. They survive. He married former Kendallville resident Amy Downs on July 9, 2005, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. She survives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Also surviving are two brothers, Christopher Neiss and Joseph Newburg; and two sisters, Stephanie Newburg and Shannon DeMore.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. Burial will be in Cedar Grove Cemetery at Notre Dame.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 N. Bendix Drive, South Bend, with a rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials in his name are to the University of Notre Dame, attention Carol Hennion, 1100 Grace Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Condolences may be sent online to Kaniewski.com.

Donald Hart

KENDALLVILLE — Donald N. Hart, 53, of Kendallville died Sunday, July 23, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hart retired in 1996 after serving as a security guard with Kraft Foods.

He was born Aug. 27, 1952, in Kendallville to Chester N. and Audrey I. (Itt) Hart. They are deceased.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Charlotte Hart of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Vonda Hart.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange, with Pastor Earl Rose officiating.

There is no calling.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Helen Brady

LIGONIER — Helen L. Brady, 85, of Goshen died Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen.

She had been a department head at Essex Wire in Ligonier and retired from the Topeka plant. She had moved to Ligonier from Syracuse in 1973.

A 1938 graduate of Pleasant Lake High School, she loved being outdoors and walking.

She was born Dec. 20, 1920, in Pleasant Lake to Coral and Arla (Coe) Straw.

Surviving are a son, Randall Brady of Leesburg; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cinda and Duaine Noble of Syracuse and Sue Ann Brady and her husband, Tim Hoskins, of Springfield, Mo.; six grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Richard Straw and Phil Straw; and a sister, Jeanette Grunst.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Graveside services will be at 12:15 p.m. at Pleasant Lake Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen.

Arnold Knox

KENDALLVILLE — Arnold Knox, 63, died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at the home of his daughter near Brimfield.

Among his survivors are his wife, Mary; a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Deb Knox; and a daughter and son-in-law, Tawnya and Carson Strouse.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Norma Fannin

CHURUBUSCO — Norma Jean Neathery Knight Fannin, 81, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 24, 2006, at Towne House Retirement Community Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fannin

She had moved to the retirement center 15 months ago.

Mrs. Fannin had been an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Crown Point and was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority.

She sang with the 3 J's at Crown Point High School and graduated from there in 1942. She had also been a member of the Entertainers singing group in Crown Point.

She was born Oct. 4, 1924, in LeRoy to Roy and Ruby (Beech) Neathery.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Robert Smith of Churubusco; a son, James Knight of Rye, N.H.; two stepdaughters, Robyn Marshall of Monticello and Debbie Graham of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; two granddaughters, Jessica Smith and Gabrielle Knight; two grandsons, Brandon Smith and Matthew Knight; two stepgrandsons; a great-granddaughter; and two stepgreat-granddaughters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Pruzin-Little Funeral Home in Crown Point with the Rev. Ronald Davis officiating. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Crown Point.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church in Crown Point or Towne House Retirement Community.

Local arrangements are by Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Joseph Ringler Jr.

SHIPSHEWANA — Joseph "Joe" Ringler Jr., 59, of Shipshewana died at 2 a.m. Monday, July 24, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Ringler

He had worked for 31 years on the Indiana Toll Road, retiring as a supervisor in the maintenance department.

Mr. Ringler was a member of Scott United Methodist Church and a former member of the National Birmingham Rollers Club.

He was born Nov. 24, 1946, in Colorado Springs, Colo., to Joseph Sr. and Letha (Cromwell) Ringler. He married Feb. 22, 1969, in Goshen to Edna Schlabach. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother and stepfather, Letha and Wayne Lindsey of Citra, Fla.; his father, Joseph Ringler Sr. of White Pigeon, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Joe and Jennifer Ringler of Millersburg and Trent Ringler of Shipshewana; a half sister and her husband, Viola and Dale Packer of Hamilton, Ohio; three half brothers, Bill Lindsey and his wife, Sharon, and Virgil Lindsey, all of Citra, Fla., and Dale and June Ringler of Sturgis, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his foster parents, Orva and LaVerna "Billie" Yoder; and a half sister, Kathy Swihart.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Nancy Richmond of Scott United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital, LaGrange County Cancer Society or Elkhart County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Brayden Steffe

ALBION — Brayden G. Steffe died shortly after birth at 8:17 p.m. Friday, July 21, 2006, at the IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

He was the son of Chris and Wendy (Smith) Steffe of Albion.

Also surviving are a brother, Corey Steffe, at home; a sister, Amber Steffe, at home; and grandparents, Kay and Lynn Rice of Albion, Barry and Brenda Steffe of Ligonier and Greg and Misty Smith of Big Lake.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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Identities of victims remain unknown

Steuben sheriff says Fremont crash 'the worst I've seen'

BY MICHAEL MARTURELLO
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ANGOLA — It could be days before the identities of six people killed in a wreck near Fremont are released, Steuben County Sheriff Rick Lewis said.

At about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer carrying six people apparently lost control while heading northbound on C.R. 100E north of Feather Valley Road, about a mile west of Fremont, crashing into a tree on the west side of the road, sheriff's department officials said. The vehicle burst into flames and killed all of its occupants.

"This is absolutely the worst I've seen as far as traffic fatalities," said Lewis, a law enforcement officer of 35 years.

Because of the fire and poor condition of the bodies, Lewis said it is difficult to positively identify the victims.

"This is going to be involved as far as running people down and running down identities," Lewis said. "We have to be

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absolutely certain of the identities, especially in light of the Taylor incident."

Lewis was referring to the April 26 wreck on I-69 that killed five students and staff from Taylor University who were traveling from the Fort Wayne campus back to the main campus in Upland. A northbound semi crossed the interstate, striking the van and killing five and injuring five. Due to the traumatic nature of the wreck, officials switched the identities of one of the dead and one of the injured. It wasn't until just weeks ago that it was determined that student Whitney Cerak survived and fellow student Laura VanRyn died.

In Tuesday's wreck about a mile west of Fremont, the bodies were burned beyond recognition. Though the license plate on the vehicle was difficult to read, it was determined that the vehicle was local, Lewis said.

Police were relying on people to call in to the sheriff's department to say whether their child or boyfriend had not returned home Monday night or Tuesday morning.

"We're running down leads on different people that didn't show up last night," Lewis said. "Tragic."

Using the vehicle registration, police were also able to get an idea of who was in the vehicle. Police tied peers together and traced their whereabouts prior to the Tuesday wreck. Lewis said the victims are in their late teens or early 20s. Callers to the Herald-Republican said one of the passengers was pregnant. Other identities have been called in but police would not confirm names.

Lewis said police have a good idea of who was involved, but have not positively confirmed all of the victims scientifically.

"As of now, nothing's official," Lewis said this morning.

Potential victims' relatives have been requested to provide dental records to aid in the identification of the victims, Lewis said.

"Obviously it's not easy for the parents," Lewis said.

Lewis indicated that if dental records were not available, DNA testing would have to be conducted.

In addition to difficulty determining identities, police are having a difficult time reconstructing the accident because the north side of Feather Valley Road is gravel and the fact that the car was extremely damaged by the fire.

Deputy Randy Albright said it appeared the vehicle ran the intersection and then lost control north of Feather Valley Road on the gravel. There also is an active spring on the west side of the road that keeps the surface wet,

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said Ken Penick, Steuben County Highway Department superintendent.

Lewis said the conditions and nature of the wreck would indicate that the vehicle was traveling at an excessive rate of speed. C.R. 100E inclines steeply on both sides of Feather Valley Road, which would make it difficult to attain a rate of speed necessary to create the damage the vehicle sustained.

"Common sense would tend to tell you some speed had to be involved," Lewis said.

Deputy Todd Patterson said residents who live near the scene, south of Feather Valley, heard the wreck and left their home and went to investigate.

"When they came down they found the vehicle in flames," Patterson said.

The vehicle was wedged between the ditch and the tree that it hit. The area where the wreck occurred is remote, with heavy woods and marshes. The area lies north of Lake Minnefenokee and east of Marsh Lake, near wetland areas.

Assisting Steuben County officers at the scene were representatives of the Angola and Fremont fire departments, the Fremont Town Marshal's office and the Steuben County Coroner's office.

Jo Anne Eggleston

ANGOLA — Jo Anne L. Eggleston, 73, of Angola died July 19, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Eggleston was born Oct. 6, 1932, in Angola to Vern and Fern (Fiser) Fifer. She was married to Morris Eggleston on Sept. 2, 1951, and he survives.

She was the former manager of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Mishawaka. She was a member of South Bend United Methodist Church, Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority and the Women of the Moose in Arlington, Ill., and Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Mary Frances Eggleston of Broomfield, Colo., and Steven Eggleston of Littleton, Colo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Jeffrey Sweazy of Elkhart; a brother, L. Ned Fifer of Tampa, Fla.; a sister, Donelda Snidle of Olney, N.Y.; five grandchildren, Jessica Hess, Geoffrey and Marie Eggleston and Jackson and Paige Sweazy; and three great-grandchildren, Sara Grace and Marie Theresa Hess and Brian Michael Eggleston.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Bud Bell; and a sister, Arnola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Angola Moose Lodge with the Rev. Brian Carsten officiating, followed by a dinner. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, Angola.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Vicky Zimmerman

Ms. Zimmerman

ANGOLA — Vicky L. Zimmerman, 58, of Angola died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Zimmerman was born Sept. 6, 1947, in Angola to Donald Keith and Margaret (Clark) Zimmerman. She was formerly employed at RISE Inc. in Angola, where she worked for 37 years.

She enjoyed music, dancing and playing all kinds of cards, as well as her friends at RISE.

Surviving are her mother in Angola; a sister, Nancy Thain of Angola; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tommy Keith and Sofia Zimmerman of Angola and Timmy M. and Luann Zimmerman of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her father in 1997.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in California Cemetery, Branch County, Mich.

Memorials are to RISE.

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Arnold Knox

KENDALLVILLE — Arnold Knox, 63, of Wawaka and formerly of Kendallville died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at the home of his daughter near Brimfield.

Mr. Knox had retired as second-shift foreman after 38 years of service with Quick Tanks in Kendallville.

Mr. Knox

He served as a patrolman with the Kendallville Police Department for 23 years.

Mr. Knox was a member of the Kendallville Civil Defense and Police Reserves and had served as captain of the reserves in the past.

He enjoyed many hobbies, including repairing lawn mowers, building trailers from scratch, mowing grass, plowing snow and doing odd jobs. He also enjoyed squirrel hunting and rabbit hunting and raising beagle hunting dogs.

He was born Aug. 5, 1942, in Wayland, Ky., to Howard and Ada (Hicks) Knox. He married Mary Elizabeth Everage on July 8, 1961, in Ottawa, Mich. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Deborah Knox of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Tawnya and Carson Strouse of Wawaka; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Arvin and Nancy Knox and Ernest and Mary Knox, all of Kendallville, and Kenneth and Wanda Knox of West Liberty, Ken.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Birdie and Gary Compton of Kendallville and Brenda Kaye and Ricky Ross of West Liberty; and six grandchildren, Travis Bailey of Crystal Lake, Ill., Travis James Knox of Kendallville, and

Danielle Knox, Skyler Strouse, Nathan Terry and Taylar Knox, all of Wawaka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Tawana Knox-Goings on Nov. 15, 2002; four brothers, Burnis, Curt, Anthony and Otis; and four sisters, Maudie Cordial, Hettie Lucas, Hattie Hicks and Brenda Faye Conley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Birtchell Mosley Jr. officiating.

Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion. Pallbearers will be Tim Knox, Carson Strouse, Skyler Strouse, Nathan Terry, Travis Knox and Travis Bailey.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice, American Diabetes Association or Parkinson's Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Shirley Miller

BRYAN, Ohio — Shirley A. Miller, 67, of Bryan, Ohio died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at the Community Hospitals and Wellness Center of Bryan.

Mrs. miller had been a teacher at St. Patrick Catholic School in Bryan for 29 years, having taught first grade for the vast majority of those years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bryan.

She was born May 5, 1939, in Hicksville, Ohio to Allen and Hazel (Bash) Gump. She was married to Owen J. Miller on June 18, 1955, in Hicksville. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Brian Davis of Bryan; two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Kristi Miller of Tomahawk, Wis. and Ken and Shelly Miller of Hamilton; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Mary and Shelby; and two brothers, Robert and R.T.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church of Bryan, with the Rev. John MacFarlane officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Shiffler Cemetery, Bryan.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Bryan.

Arrangements are being handled by Burr Funeral Home & Crematory, Bryan. Condolences can be left online at www.burrfh.com.

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July 26, 2006, Wednesday

E. Lucille Allman

CHURUBUSCO — E. Lucille Allman, 90, of Angola and formerly of Churubusco died at 6:40 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola where she had been a resident the past three years.

Mrs. Allman

Mrs. Allman had moved to Angola six years ago from the Churubusco area. She and her late husband, Ray, spent their summers at their home at Echo Lake, Ontario, Canada, and wintered in Zephyr Hills, Fla.

In the early 1940s she had been employed at Blue Bell in Columbia City and in the 1950s she worked at the former McCoy's Hatchery in Churubusco. She was then employed for 21 years at General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1975.

Mrs. Allman was a member of Believer's Bible Fellowship in Churubusco, General Electric Elex Club and Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136.

She was born July 31, 1915, in Green Township, the youngest child of William and Emily (Kuhns) Kesling. She married F. Ray Allman on Nov. 22, 1933. He died Jan. 12, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and John Chojnowski of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Linda Allman of Churubusco; six grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Max Allman in 1999; three sisters, Mary Leitch, Ida Huffty and Laura Strouse; and two brothers, Harold "Guy" Kesling and Clair Kesling.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Rick Van Horn of Believer's Bible Fellowship officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Memorials are to Believer's Bible Fellowship or the Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Albion.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Josephine Clouse

AVILLA — Josephine M. Clouse, 81, of Avilla died at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Clouse had lived in the Kendallville, Avilla and Albion areas her entire life.

She had worked in the finishing department at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier for more than 30 years and was a member of the Silgan Club for 25 years.

Mrs. Clouse enjoyed cooking, cleaning, doing crossword puzzles, watching college basketball and game shows, especially "Wheel of Fortune."

She was born Nov. 9, 1924, in Kendallville to Marve and Alice (Brown) Leighty. She married Harry A. Clouse on Dec. 24, 1954, in Albion. He died in October 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Edward L. Peffer of Ligonier and Gary Clouse and his companion, Kathy Bond, of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Charlene and David Hess of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Bondie Leighty and Gene and Connie Leighty, all of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Leighty; four grandchildren, John Hess, James Hess, Kim Teel and Jennifer Saggars; and eight great-grandchildren, Alyssa Hess, Kami Hess, Haley Teel, Taylor Saggars, Tori Gomez, Triston Gomez, Austin Teel and Mallory Teel.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Marve Leighty.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 26, 2006, Wednesday

18-year old woman charged in motorcycle death

ALBION — Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse has charged a Texas teen with involuntary manslaughter and other charges following a July 16 car-motorcycle crash in Kendallville that left a Michigan man dead.

Prosecutor Clouse filed the charges on July 19 against Victoria Garza, 18 of Mission, Texas. The charges against Garza include: Involuntary Manslaughter, a class D felony; Criminal Recklessness, a class A misdemeanor; and Reckless Driving, class B misdemeanor. The charges were filed in Noble Superior Court, Division I.

The charges stem from a car-motorcycle accident on Sunday, July 16, 2006 where the 1992 Mercury sedan operated by Garza collided into the 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle operated by Mark J. Lipscomb, 29 of Sturgis, Michigan. Lipscomb was pronounced dead at the scene. Lacey Johnson, 27 of Rome City, a passenger on the motorcycle with Lipscomb, was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne with critical injuries.

According to the filed documents, Garza was west bound on U.S. Highway 6 approaching the State Road 3 south intersection. According to eye witnesses, Garza passed at least five vehicles on the right at a high rate of speed. Witnesses told police that Garza appeared to lose control of her vehicle causing the vehicle to fish tail multiple times and move into the east bound lane of traffic near Donaldson Street. An Indiana State Police reconstruction report has estimated Garza's speed to be in excess of 63 miles-per-hour. The posted speed limit in the area of the crash changes from 45 miles-per-hour to 35 miles-per-hour.

Following the Sunday evening crash, police placed Garza under arrest. On Monday morning (July 17), Prosecutor Clouse was granted 72 hours to review the case to determine the appropriate charges to be filed. Garza has been held continually in the Noble County Jail since her initial arrest.

Garza appeared before Judge Stephen Spindler of the Noble Superior Court Division 1 for an initial hearing last Thursday.

"The filing of these charges came after a careful review of the evidence in this case. It is my considered opinion that the actions of Ms. Garza go far beyond that of mere negligence, and for that reason a criminal charge is appropriate to be filed. This is not your basic auto accident," stated Prosecutor Clouse.

"In order to meet the standard of proof for an Involuntary Manslaughter charge, the State must show that Ms. Garza's actions were reckless and created a substantial risk of serious bodily injuries to those around her, and that as a result someone died," explained Clouse.

In the State of Indiana, a class D felony in the State of Indiana is punishable by a sentence of 6 months to 3 years in prison. A class A misdemeanor is punishable by a sentence of up to 1 year in jail, and a class B misdemeanor is punishable by a sentence of up to 6 months in jail.

The case was investigated by the Kendallville Police Department with assistance from the Noble County Sheriff's Department, the Indiana State Police, and the Noble County Coroner's Office.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 26, 2006, Wednesday

Roy Riddle, 56

ALBION — Roy S. Riddle, 56, of rural Albion was found dead of natural causes at the Flying J Truck Stop in Jackson County, Wis. on Monday, July 17, 2006.

Mr. Riddle spent his formative years in Noble Township, attended Merriam and Wolf Lake schools and graduated from Central Noble High School in 1969.

He was employed at the Noble County Highway Department, 7-Up, Howard Sober, and for the past 23 years worked for Genova Products in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Eagles No. 1906, Columbia City Lodge No. 189 F & AM, Scottish Rite, Whitley County Shrine Club, Mizpah Shrine, Tri Lakes Lions Club, American Motorcycle Association for the past 25 years, Old Fort Motorcycle Club where he was a past president, Tri-State Motorcycle Club in Butler where he was a past president, and was district vice president of the AMA Club.

On Jan. 6, 1950, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Stanley James and Mary Catherine (Cox) Riddle.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Catherine Riddle; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Fred and Mariann Riddle and John and Sharon Riddle, all of Albion; four nieces, Julie, Amy, Sara and Jody; and two nephews, Kevin and Steven.

Services were held Saturday, July 22, 2006, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Gene Rohrer officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

A Masonic service was held Friday following the visitation at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospital Burn Unit or St. Matthews United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Brayden G. Steffe

ALBION — Brayden G. Steffe died at 8:17 p.m., Friday, July 21, 2006, shortly after his birth at I.U. Medical Center in Indianapolis.

He is survived by his parents, Chris and Wendy (Smith) Steffe, Albion; one brother, Corey Steffe, Albion; one sister, Amber Steffe, Albion; grandparents, Kay and Lynn Rice of Albion, Barry and Brenda Steffe of Ligonier and Greg and Misty Smith of Big Lake.

Graveside services at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 28, 2006.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion is in charge of the arrangements.

Adarah Clark

SYRACUSE — Adarah Grace Clark was stillborn at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She is survived by her father, Jason Clark of Syracuse and her mother, Tonya Smith of Wawaka; a sister, Ashley Sprague of Wawaka; four paternal grandparents, Dennis and Carol Thompson of Syracuse and Jay and Dawn Clark of Churubusco; two maternal grandparents, Bill and Deb Smith of Wawaka; two paternal great-grandparents, Gailen and Adabelle Hart of Florida; and four maternal great-grandparents, Lester "Pete" and Grace Keister of Albion and Dan and Shirley Smith of Ligonier.

Graveside services were held Saturday, July 22, 2006, at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Arrangements are by J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
July 26, 2006, Wednesday

E. Lucille Allman, 90

CHURUBUSCO, Indiana — E. Lucille Allman died July 25, 2006 following an extended illness at the Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola, Indiana. She was 90 years old.

Mrs. Allman was born in Green township, Noble County on July 31, 1915 to William and Emily (Kuhns) Kesling. Lucille was the last of six children.

On November 22, 1933, she married F. Ray Allman and lived her entire married life in the Churubusco area. They spent summers at their Canadian home at Echo Lake Ontario and the winters in Zephyr Hills, Florida. He preceded her in death in 1991.

Mrs. Allman worked at several area businesses during her adult life. In the early 1940s, she was employed by Blue Bell in Columbia City; in the 1950s by McCoy Hatchery; and in the 60s and 70s at General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the Elex Club and Eastern Star.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and John Chojnowski of Angola, and a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Linda Allman of Churubusco, Six grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and step-grandchildren, and a number of great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Max Allman in 1999, three sisters, Mary Leitch, Ida Huffty and Laura Strouse, and two brothers, Harold (Guy) Kesling and Clair Kesling.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 29 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Reverend Rick Van Horn of Believers Bible Fellowship officiating.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 28.

Preferred memorials are to the Believers Bible Fellowship, Churubusco or the North Lakes Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, 516 North Williams Street, Angola, IN 46703.

Shawn Newburg, 25

Navy Lt. j.g. Shawn Newburg, 25, died July 18, 2006, in Kings Bay, Ga., from injuries in a motorcycle accident.

Mr. Newburg was commissioned into the United States Navy on May 17, 2003, and stationed in Kings Bay on the USS Maryland where he served as assistant weapons officer.

He had been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Strategic Deterrent Patrol with one gold star.

Mr. Newburg was a 1999 graduate of North Central High School in Indianapolis and a 2003 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. While at Notre Dame, he was a member of the rock climbing and rodeo clubs and served as captain and president of the Notre Dame Boxing Team. He had recently been competing in triathlons and was a member of USA Triathlon.

He was born Sept. 19, 1980, in Okinawa, Japan, to Yvonne Dietrich and Dennis Geer. They survive. He married former Albion resident Amy Downs on July 9, 2005, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. She survives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Also surviving are two brothers, Christopher Neiss and Joseph Newburg; and two sisters, Stephanie Newburg and Shannon DeMore.

Services were held Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. Burial was in Cedar Grove Cemetery at Notre Dame.

Memorials in his name are to the University of Notre Dame, attention Carol Hennion, 1100 Grace Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Condolences may be sent online to Kaniewski.com.

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5 of 6 crash victims identified

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ANGOLA — Names of five of the six people killed in a tragic Tuesday morning accident have been released by the Steuben County Sheriff's Department.

The sixth victim, an Angola man who was driving the vehicle that carried the six to their deaths, was not released pending results of DNA testing. Dental records for that individual were not available.

"Some people just don't go to the dentist, I'm sorry to say," Steuben County Sheriff Rick Lewis said.

"Positive confirmation of the driver has yet to be made as dental records were not available," a statement from the sheriff's department said. "DNA testing is to be completed to give a positive identification."

Using dental records, Steuben County Coroner Rodney Snyder determined the identities of five of the victims.

The victims, all of whom were from Angola, were:

- Jeremy Edward Fulton, 20.
- Donavan Michael Green, 20.
- Coltlyn Christine Karn, 16.
- Megan Kotowski, 14.
- Sarah Teeple, 17.

Snyder said it could take weeks to determine the identity of the driver.

Authorities are fairly certain of the identity of the driver but do not want to release his name until he can be identified using forensic science. Lewis said his department and Snyder are hesitant to release the name because of the

IDENTIFIED: *Investigators still looking into cause of crash*

mistaken identification that occurred when a wreck killed five people from Taylor University in April.

On Tuesday at about 4:30 a.m., a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer carrying six people lost control on C.R. 100E north of Feather Valley Road, crashing into a tree on the west side of the road. The vehicle burst into flames and killed all of its occupants.

Deputy Randy Albright said it appeared the vehicle blew through the intersection and then lost control north of Feather Valley Road where C.R. 100E becomes gravel.

Lewis said officers are still investigating what may have taken place.

Deputy Todd Patterson said residents who live near the scene, south of Feather Valley, heard the wreck, left their home and found the vehicle in flames. They then notified police.

The vehicle was wedged between the ditch and the tree that it hit. The area where the wreck occurred is remote, with heavy woods and marshes. The area lies north of Lake Minnefenokee and east of Marsh Lake, near wetland areas.

Feather Valley Road is at the crest of a hill where C.R. 100E crosses. Residents said motorists often run through the intersection, where C.R. 100E traffic is supposed to stop for Feather Valley Road.

Thrill seekers actually drive through the intersection at high rates of speed to jump the road.

Elizabeth Ireland, 24, rural Fremont, said the victims had been visiting her and left for Angola at about 1:30 a.m. because she had to get some sleep before going to work.

"They had been at my house about three hours before it happened," she said.

The victims, Ireland was told, left the house they were visiting in Angola and were supposedly going to return to her house.

"They never made it," she said.

Ireland said she assumed the group went out joy-riding because if they were returning to her house from Angola, they should have driven on S.R. 127. Traveling on C.R. 100E was not a direct route seeing that she lives near Lake George, some two miles west of the crash site.

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Donald Nichols

HUDSON — Donald R. Nichols, 65, of rural Hudson died Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Nichols was born in Steuben County on March 3, 1941, to Ralph and Helen (Ball) Nichols. He married Rita Schweitzer on April 8, 1960, and she survives.

He was employed in sales and also worked as an auctioneer and private detective. He was dedicated to his faith and his country.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Pat Nichols of Paulding, Ohio, and Brian and Teresa Nichols of Hudson; two granddaughters, Felicia Lynn Nichols and Samantha Jo Nichols, both of Hudson; a brother, Paul Nichols of Lorida, Fla.; and two sister, Carol Starrett of Plains, Ga., and Rosemary Shearer of Hudson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Virgil "Don" Rogers officiating. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Victory Junction Gang Camp, 4500 Adams Way, Randleman, N.C. 27317.

Condolences can be left online at www.Johnson@bnin.net.

Harry Casebeer

AUBURN — Harry M. Casebeer, 82, died Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Casebeer became the director of engine development for Chrysler Corp.

He was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and DeKalb Lodge 214 F.&A.M. and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie, of Stroh; two sons, Kenneth M. of Miami, Fla., and David A. of Mount Shasta, Calif.; a daughter, Ann L. of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; and his grandchildren, Gwendolyn and Karl, Emma and Zach, and Ann and Marie.

A memorial service will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct service times.*

Jo Anne Eggleston

ANGOLA — Jo Anne L. Eggleston, 73, of Angola died July 19, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Eggleston was born Oct. 6, 1932, in Angola to Vern and Fern (Fiser) Fifer. She was married to Morris Eggleston on Sept. 2, 1951, and he survives.

She was the former manager of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Mishawaka. She was a member of South Bend United Methodist Church, Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority and the Women of the Moose in Arlington, Ill. and Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Mary Frances Eggleston of Broomfield, Colo. and Steven Eggleston of Littleton, Colo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Jeffrey Sweazy of Elkhart; a brother, L. Ned Fifer of Tampa, Fla.; a sister, Donelda Snidle of Olney, N.Y.; five grandchildren, Jessica Hess, Geoffrey and Marie Eggleston and Jackson and Paige Sweazy; and three great-grandchildren, Sara Grace and Marie Theresa Hess and Brian Michael Eggleston.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Bud Bell; and a sister, Arnola.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 12 at the Angola Moose Lodge with the Rev. Brian Carsten officiating, followed by a dinner. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Carnegie Public Library of Steuben County, Angola.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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July 27, 2006, Thursday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error and to include calling hours.*

E. Lucille Allman

CHURUBUSCO — E. Lucille Allman, 90, of Angola and formerly of Churubusco died at 6:40 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola where she had been a resident the past three years.

Mrs. Allman

Mrs. Allman had moved to Angola six years ago from the Churubusco area. She and her late husband, Ray, spent their summers at their home at Echo Lake, Ontario, Canada, and wintered in Zephyr Hills, Fla.

In the early 1940s she had been employed at Blue Bell in Columbia City and in the 1950s she worked at the former McCoy's Hatchery in Churubusco. She was then employed for 21 years at General Electric in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1975.

Mrs. Allman was a member of Believer's Bible Fellowship in Churubusco, General Electric Elex Club and Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136.

She was born July 31, 1915, in Green Township the youngest child of William and Emily (Kuhns) Kesling. She married F. Ray Allman on Nov. 22, 1933. He died Jan. 12, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and John Chojnowski of Angola; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Linda Allman of Churubusco; six grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Max Allman in 1999; three sisters, Mary Leitch, Ida Huffty and Lura Strouse; and two brothers, Harold "Guy" Kesling and Clair Kesling.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Rick Van Horn of Believer's Bible Fellowship officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Believer's Bible Fellowship of Churubusco or the Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Michael Emrick

FORT WAYNE — Michael E. Emrick, 57, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, after a battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Mr. Emrick

Mr. Emrick was born in Fort Wayne. He worked for American Electric Power in the line department for 36 years, the last 10 as a training coordinator.

Surviving are his wife, Carol; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Matthew and Jayma Emrick of Columbia City, Chad and Wanda Emrick of Angola and Landon Emrick and Evan Emrick, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Tiffany and Brandon Hamilton of Angola; his mother, Lydia Emrick of Coldwater, Mich.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter, in November 2005.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at The Chapel, 2505 Hamilton Road South, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Rick Hawks officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and on hour prior to services at The Chapel on Friday.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Olson Foundation for A.L.S. Therapy Development and Foundation Research, The Chapel or M.D.A./A.L.S. Division.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
July 27, 2006, Thursday

Helen Brady

LIGONIER — Helen L. Brady, 85, of Goshen died Sunday, July 23, 2006, at Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen.

She had been a department head at Essex Wire in Ligonier and retired from the Topeka plant. She had moved to Ligonier from Syracuse in 1973.

A 1938 graduate of Pleasant Lake High School, she loved being outdoors and walking.

She was born Dec. 20, 1920, in Pleasant Lake to Coral and Arla (Coe) Straw.

Surviving are a son, Randall Brady of Leesburg; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cinda and Duaine Noble of Syracuse and Sue Ann Brady and her husband, Tim Hoskins, of Springfield, Mo.; six grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Richard Straw and Phil Straw; and a sister, Jeanette Grunst.

Services were this morningThursday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Graveside services were at 12:15 p.m. at Pleasant Lake Cemetery in Steuben County.

Memorials are to Greencroft Nursing Center in Goshen.

Adarah Clark

SYRACUSE — Adarah Grace Clark was stillborn at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She is survived by her father, Jason Clark of Syracuse, and her mother, Tonya Smith of Wawaka; a sister, Ashley Sprague of Wawaka; four paternal grandparents, Dennis and Carol Thompson of Syracuse and Jay and Dawn Clark of Churubusco; two maternal grandparents, Bill and Deb Smith of Wawaka; two paternal great-grandparents, Gailen and Adabelle Hart of Florida; and four maternal great-grandparents, Lester “Pete” and Grace Keister of Albion and Dan and Shirley Smith of Ligonier.

Graveside services were Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Arrangements are by J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

America Tice

LIGONIER — America Gertrude Trice, 83, of Ligonier died at 7:05 a.m. Friday, July 21, 2006, at Regency Place Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Trice had been a homemaker and registered nurse.

She had moved to Ligonier in 1952 from Wawaka.

Mrs. Trice was born July 18, 1923, in Grundy, Va., to Halder and Victoria (Davis) Munsey. She married Willis Tice on March 15, 1952, in Angola. He died in 1973.

Surviving are a niece, Kathy Hackney of Virginia, and her best friend, Elizabeth Malone of rural Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Hassel Munsey.

Services wereWednesday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shriner’s Children’s Hospital.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
July 27, 2006, Thursday

Arnold Knox

KENDALLVILLE — Arnold Knox, 63, of Wawaka and formerly of Kendallville died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at the home of his daughter near Brimfield.

Mr. Knox

Mr. Knox had retired as second-shift foreman after 38 years of service with Quick Tanks in Kendallville.

He served as a patrolman with the Kendallville Police Department for 23 years.

Mr. Knox was a member of the Kendallville Civil Defense and Police Reserves and had served as captain of the reserves in the past.

He enjoyed many hobbies, including repairing lawn mowers, building trailers from scratch, mowing grass, plowing snow and doing odd jobs. He also enjoyed squirrel hunting and rabbit hunting and raising beagle hunting dogs.

He was born Aug. 5, 1942, in Wayland, Ky., to Howard and Ada (Hicks) Knox. He married Mary Elizabeth Everage on July 8, 1961, in Ottawa, Mich. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Deborah Knox of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Tawnya and Carson Strouse of Wawaka; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Arvin and Nancy Knox and Ernest and Mary Knox, all of Kendallville, and Kenneth and Wanda Knox of West Liberty, Ken.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Birdie and Gary Compton of Kendallville and Brenda Kaye and Ricky Ross of West Liberty; and six grandchildren, Travis Bailey of Crystal Lake, Ill., Travis James Knox of Kendallville, and Danielle Knox, Skyler Strouse, Nathan Terry and Taylar Knox, all of Wawaka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Tawana Knox-Goings on Nov. 15, 2002; four brothers, Burnis, Curt, Anthony and Otis; and four sisters, Maudie Cordial, Hettie Lucas, Hattie Hicks and Brenda Faye Conley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Birtchell Mosley Jr. officiating.

Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion. Pallbearers will be Tim Knox, Carson Strouse, Skyler Strouse, Nathan Terry, Travis Knox and Travis Bailey.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice, American Diabetes Association or Parkinson's Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ignatio Martinez

MILLERSBURG — Ignatio A. Martinez, 83, of Millersburg, died Wed., July 19, 2006, after an extended illness.

Mr. Martinez was a 22-year veteran of the U.S. Army. He served during World War II in the European Theater. He worked for Universal Co-Op in Goshen, retiring in 1985.

Mr. Martinez was born Feb. 1, 1923, in El Paso, Texas, to C. and Petra Martinez.

He married Lieselotte Gillmann on June 11, 1952, while on a tour of duty in Germany. She survives in Millersburg.

Mr. Martinez is also survived by a daughter, Petra Beiring, also of Millersburg.

A private family service has been planned at Kline Funeral Home in Millersburg, with no public visitation. .

Following the service, burial will take place at Brown Cemetery in Millersburg.

Arrangements by Kline Funeral Home of Millersburg.

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Accident site becomes shrine

Victims Remembered

The site of the rural Fremont wreck that claimed the lives of six Angola people has become a shrine covered with flowers, notes, stuffed animals and photos. The wreck occurred Tuesday on C.R. 100E, north of Feather Valley Road.

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FREMONT — In the place where a tree used to be on C.R. 100E north of Feather Valley Road in Fremont, there is a large, burned-out space that by Thursday morning had been filled with flowers, balloons, stuffed animals, notes and photographs memorializing the six victims of a horrific crash.

On Tuesday at about 4:30 a.m., a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer carrying six people lost control on C.R. 100E north of Feather Valley Road, crashing into a tree on the west side of the road. The vehicle burst into flames and killed all of its occupants, all Angola residents.

On Thursday, several cars slowed to look at the memorial.

"Those poor families," one woman said, shaking her head as she rode by.

Sitting on what was left of the charred tree trunk was a tiny, pink, stuffed dog wearing a a bib that declared, "I love my mommy." Underneath that message, someone wrote "Sarah, you were the best" — a message for 17-year-old Sarah Teeple, an expectant mother who was a passenger in the vehicle.

"Sarah — You would have been a hell of a great mom," a card attached to a bouquet of roses said.

Roses, carnations, gladiolus and silk flowers in every color of the rainbow were left at the accident site, many bearing notes. There was also an assortment of teddy bears, lit candles in votive holders, and a pastel-colored plaque that said "faith." Tucked beneath one of the bouquets was a key chain bearing the words "never drive faster than your guardian angel can fly."

In the middle of the accident memorial, a wreath of blue silk flowers was adorned with a ribbon bearing the name Donavon — a memorial to another passenger in the vehicle, 20-year-old Donavon Green. Beneath the wreath was a framed photo of a blonde, smiling young man, protected from the elements by a clear plastic bag.

A card attached to another bunch of flowers said, "We love you, Roger." Although it has been widely speculated that Roger Wilcox was the driver of the ill-fated vehicle, dental records were not available to make a positive identification. DNA results are pending on the driver.

A photograph of three people identified as Brandy, Dana and Coltlyn had a message for 16-year-old Coltlyn Karn, another passenger who perished, written on it. The message said "R.I.P." — rest in peace.

Also killed in the crash were 14-year-old Megan Kotowski and 20-year-old Jeramie Fulton. Obituaries for Miss Teeple, Miss Kotowski and Mr. Green appear on Page A4.

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dana brandy coltlyn-r.i.p.
we love you

ANDY BARRAND

A photograph placed at the scene of the wreck that claimed the lives of six Angola residents shows victim Coltlyn Karn, 16. The wreck occurred about 1,000 feet north of Feather Valley Road on C.R. 100E, Fremont.

SHRINE: *DNA tests to determine identity of sixth victim*

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Megan Kotowski

ANGOLA — Megan Renee Kotowski, 14, of Angola died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, as a result of an automobile accident near Fremont.

Miss Kotowski was born Aug. 28, 1991, in Angola to Christian Kotowski and Kristi Underwood. She would have been a freshman at Angola High School in the fall.

Miss Kotowski

She played soccer for the youth league in Angola and was on the eighth-grade basketball team at Angola Middle School. She was a member of the Angola Middle School choir and the J.V. Club.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Kristi and Christopher Roach of Angola; her father, Christian Kotowski of Pocatello, Idaho; her maternal grandparents, George and Judy Underwood of Angola; her paternal grandmother, Rosemary Vrooman of Pocatello; her stepgrandparents, Kerry Roach of Fort Wayne and Pamela Gould of Angola; her boyfriend, Joey Giffin of Fremont; her cousin and best friend, Michelle Means of Angola; a cousin, Beth Means of Angola; a half-brother, Travis Dixon of Angola; and a stepbrother, Ethan Roach of Fremont.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Earl Vrooman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Cornerstone Family Church, Angola, with the Rev. Dennis Carey officiating. Calling will be one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Megan Kotowski Trust Fund at the First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is handling arrangements.

Sarah Teeple

ANGOLA — Sarah Elizabeth June Teeple, 17, of Angola and her unborn son died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, as the result of an automobile accident near Fremont.

Miss Teeple

Miss Teeple was born Feb. 1, 1989, in Three Rivers, Mich. to Mark and Evelyn (Hudson) Teeple.

Surviving are her parents in Angola; two brothers, Jarod Teeple of Sturgis, Mich. and Ryan Teeple of Angola; a sister, Erica Burelison of Angola; and her grandparents, Deloris Corbin and Ben and Elizabeth Schmidt, all of Mendon, Ohio.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Cornerstone Family Church, Angola, with the Rev. Dennis Carey officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Condolences can be left online at johnson@bnin.net.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is handling arrangements.

Donavon Green

ANGOLA — Donavon M.A. Green, 20, of Angola died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, as the result of an automobile accident near Fremont.

Mr. Green

Mr. Green was born April 19, 1986, in Coldwater, Mich. to Michael Green and Shiela (Sessford) Sheets. He was formerly employed at Titan Metal Spinning in Angola.

He collected coins and baseball cards. He enjoyed fishing and his Play Station 2.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Michael and Hope Green of Angola; his mother and stepfather, Shiela and John Sheets of Montpelier, Ohio; his paternal grandmother, Meg Green of Angola; his maternal grandmother, Rosalyn Wilcox of Angola; his girlfriend, Joetta Krontz of Angola; three brothers, Dominick J. Green of Stroh and Michael D. Green and Sterling M. Palmerton, both of Montpelier; a sister, Destiny S. Palmerton of Montpelier; and four stepbrothers, John T. Sheets, Terrance D. Sheets, Dakota W. Sheets and Michael L. Sheets, all of Bryan, Ohio.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Assembly of God Church, Angola, with the Rev. Jeff Davis officiating. Calling will be one hour before services.

Memorials are to the Donavon Green Trust Fund at the First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is handling arrangements.

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Kristoffer Shultz

CHURUBUSCO — Kristoffer Allen Shultz, 32, of rural Churubusco died at 4:33 p.m. Thursday, July 27, 2006, at his home. He had been seriously ill for the past five years.

A native of Auburn, Mr. Shultz had lived several years in Garrett and Fort Wayne.

He had been employed at Mills' Auto Parts Inc. in New Haven and was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Mr. Schultz enjoyed motorcycles, dirt bikes, fishing and spending time with his dog, Sissy.

He was born Sept. 2, 1973, in Auburn.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Keith A. and Mary Lou Shultz of Churubusco, with whom he made his home; his mother, Margaret (Cottrell) Christlieb of Fort Wayne; two half sisters, April Christlieb and her companion, Travis Anderson, and Nicole Christlieb, all of Churubusco; a stepsister and her husband, Tina and Erwin Christie of Fort Wayne; a half brother and his wife, Robert and Jennifer Shultz of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother and his companion, David Miller and Cindy Burnham of Churubusco; his grandparents, Odessa Shultz, Juanita Combs and Doler Bevis, all of Garrett; and a nephew, Devin Clark of Churubusco.

Mr. Schultz

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net
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The following obituary is being rerun to provide additional information.

Michael Emrick

FORT WAYNE — Michael E. Emrick, 57, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, after a battle with Lou Gehrig's disease.

Mr. Emrick was born in Fort Wayne. He worked for American Electric Power in the line department for 36 years, the last 10 as a training coordinator.

Mr. Emrick

Surviving are his wife, Carol; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Matthew and Jayma Emrick of Columbia City, Chad and Wanda Emrick of Angola and Landon Emrick and Evan Emrick, both of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Tiffany and Brandon Hamilton of Angola; his mother, Lydia Emrick of Coldwater, Mich.; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter, in November 2005.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at The Chapel, 2505 Hamilton Road South, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Rick Hawks officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to services at The Chapel.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Olson Foundation for A.L.S. Therapy Development and Foundation Research, The Chapel or M.D.A./A.L.S. Division.

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Louis Hedges

FORT WAYNE — Louis E. "Louie" Hedges, 84, died Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was employed with Schenkel & Son, worked in maintenance at Pepsi and was a manager and in maintenance at Ideal Mobile Home Park.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge 1351 in LaGrange.

Survivors include his children, Daniel and Nancy Hedges, Pam and Eldon Byler, Terri "Toots" and Dennis Rose and Dennis "Benson" and Vernie Hedges all of LaGrange, Sherry Schnieder of Wolcottville; a stepson, Darl Fox of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Patricia Fox of Columbia City and Darlene Duke of Booneville, Miss.; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; his companion, Delores Fox of Fort Wayne; and two brothers, Calvin E. "Pete" Hedges and Gerald K. "Jerry" Hedges, both of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by son-in-law, John Schnieder; two sisters, Bertha and Violet; and brothers, Park, Charles, Hubert, Carl and James.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. with Pastor Robert Kirby officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or Sherman Street Church of God.

Michael Arnold

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Wayne Arnold, 35, died Tuesday, July 25, 2006.

He was born Oct. 28, 1970, to James R. and Kathleen Arnold. They survive.

Also surviving are his wife, Mary Kristie Arnold; a daughter, Jordan Boyer Arnold; three stepchildren, John Lambert, Steven Lambert and Danielle Lambert; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Anita L. and Randy Davidson, Carrie F. Laughlin and her husband, Joseph Camp, and Cherilynn Dawn Hamilton; two brothers, James Robert Arnold and Jeffrey Michael Arnold; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, and good friends David and Heather Howey.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home, 6107 S. East St., Indianapolis, with calling from 1-2 p.m.

Robert Wynkoop

GOSHEN — Robert W. "Bob" Wynkoop, 79, of Goshen died at his home Thursday, July 27, 2006.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

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Final crash victim identified

ANDY BARRAND

A shirt in memory of Roger Wilcox lays across what is left of the tree that was struck Tuesday morning in a fiery crash on C.R. 100E near Fremont. The six occupants of the car died in the wreck. Over the past couple of days many family and friends have left memorials to them along the side of the road.

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ANGOLA — The final victim of the wreck that claimed the lives of six young people Tuesday has been positively identified, Steuben County Coroner Rodney Snyder announced Friday.

Wilcox

The identity of Roger Wilcox, 20, Angola, was released.

While the family of Wilcox were fairly certain he was the victim yet to be named from the wreck, they were awaiting forensic confirmation.

"It's been really hard. We were sure that it was (him) but we wanted to know through science," said Amber Ross, Angola, Wilcox's younger sister.

Ross said dental records became available through a local dentist that were able to identify Wilcox. The coroner's office had conducted DNA sampling to try to determine Wilcox's identity then the dental records became available.

In the meantime, the family has been waiting for some sort of word about the identity of Wilcox so they could have some closure following the wreck.

"I'm not sure we'll ever be relieved," Ross said. "Nothing that anybody can say will be able to relieve us of it. That's not to say we don't appreciate everything that people have done for us. They have been a godsend."

Wilcox and five other people lost their lives Tuesday at 4:30 a.m. when the vehicle they were traveling in crashed on C.R. 100E, north of Feather Valley Road, bursting into flames.

Snyder said his office and the Steuben County Sheriff's Department were still investigating the accident.

Other victims in the wreck included these Angola residents:

- Jeremy Edward Fulton, 20.
- Donavan Michael Green, 20.
- Coltlyn Christine Karn, 16.
- Megan Kotowski, 14.
- Sarah Teeple, 17.

Obituaries for Mr. Wilcox, Miss Karn, Mr. Fulton and Miss Kotoski appear on Page A4.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with corrections.*

Kristoffer Shultz

CHURUBUSCO — Kristoffer Allen Shultz, 32, of rural Churubusco died at 4:33 p.m. Thursday, July 27, 2006, at his home. He had been seriously ill for the past five years.

A native of Auburn, Mr. Shultz had lived several years in Garrett and Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shultz

He had been employed at Mills' Auto Parts Inc. in New Haven and was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Mr. Shultz enjoyed motorcycles, dirt bikes, fishing and spending time with his dog, Sissy.

He was born Sept. 2, 1973, in Auburn.

Surviving are his sons, Tyler K. Smith of Wolf Lake and Kenneth Pfafman of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Keith A. and Mary Lou (Merrill) Shultz of Churubusco, with whom he made his home; his mother, Margaret (Cottrell) Christlieb of Fort Wayne; two half-sisters, April Christlieb and her companion, Travis Anderson, and Nicole Christlieb, all of Churubusco; a stepsister and her husband, Tina and Erwin Christie of Fort Wayne; a half brother and his wife, Robert and Jennifer Shultz of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother and his companion, David Miller and Cindy Burnham of Churubusco; his grandparents, Odessa Shultz, Juanita Combs and Doler Bevis, all of Garrett; and a nephew, Devin Clark of Churubusco.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Katherine Yoder

LAGRANGE — Katherine E. Yoder, 55, of LaGrange, died Friday, July 28, 2006 at home.

She was a homemaker and interior decorator and worked at the Shipshewana Fitness Center.

Mrs. Yoder was a member of the Marion Mennonite Church of Shipshewana. She enjoyed gardening.

She was born July 17, 1951 in Topeka to Charles W. and Shirley (Bammel) Anders. On July 12, 1969, in Topeka, she married Dennis D. Yoder. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Laura Yoder of Valparaiso; two sons and their wives, Rob and Cori Yoder of LaGrange and Mark and Katie Yoder of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Peg and Jack Miklic of Elkhart; a brother and his wife, Bill and Sharon Anders of Churubusco; and four grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents and one brother, Ed Anders.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Shore Mennonite Church of Shipshewana, with Pastors Ron and Char Roth officiating. Burial will be at Bethel Cemetery of LaGrange.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society, Marion Mennonite Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Robert Wynkoop

GOSHEN — Robert W. "Bob" Wynkoop, 79, of Goshen, died Thursday, July 27, 2006 at home.

He retired in 1989 from Fort Myers Truck Stop in Fort Wayne after 33 years of employment.

He was born June 16, 1927 in Fort Wayne, to Frank and Bessie (Garrison) Wynkoop.

On Jan. 7, 1950, he married Harriet Ness in Wolcottville. He lived the last nine years in Goshen and had lived 25 years at Knapp Lake in Noble County.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deb and Perry Weeks of Albion and Cathy and Jim Stutsman of Kenai, Alaska; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gary Wynkoop of Kendallville, Barry and Karen Wynkoop of Fort Wayne, and Ben and Kathy Wynkoop of Mottville, Mich.; 17 grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; two sisters, Madelyn Sheean of Fort Wayne and Scharee Schwalm of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Franklin "Bud" Wynkoop of Zepher Hills, Fla.

Preceding him in death were his parents and three sisters, Bette Garrison, Joye Madden and Lois Sullivan.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Young Family Funeral Home Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Sam Troyer officiating. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Kylen Branham, Dustin Wynkoop, Colby Wynkoop, Cory Wynkoop, Brian Stutsman and Jacob Stutsman.

Calling is from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Goshen Hospital Hospice.

Condolences may be made at youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to add information.*

Megan Kotowski

ANGOLA — Megan Renee Kotowski, 14, of Angola died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, as a result of an automobile accident near Fremont.

Miss Kotowski

Miss Kotowski was born Aug. 28, 1991, in Angola to Christian Kotowski and Kristi Underwood. She would have been a freshman at Angola High School this fall.

She played soccer for the youth league in Angola and was on the eighth-grade basketball team at Angola Middle School. She was a member of the Angola Middle School choir and J.V. Club.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Kristi and Christopher Roach of Angola; her father, of Pocatello, Idaho; her grandparents, George and Judy Underwood of Angola and Rosemary Vrooman of Pocatello; her stepgrandparents, Kerry Roach of Fort Wayne and Pamela Gould of Angola; her boyfriend, Joey Giffin of Fremont; her cousin and best friend, Michelle Means of Angola; a cousin, Beth Means of Angola; a half-brother, Travis Dixon of Angola; a stepbrother, Ethan Roach of Fremont; and an aunt and uncle, Vicki and John Xenias of Orland.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Earl Vrooman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Cornerstone Family Church, Angola, with the Rev. Dennis Carey officiating. Calling will be one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Megan Kotowski Trust Fund at the First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is handling arrangements.

Coltlyn Karn

ANGOLA — Coltlyn Christine Karn, 16, of Angola died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Fremont.

Miss Karn was born Sept. 19, 1989, in Auburn to Christopher and Lori "Brandi" (Moore) Karn. She would have been a junior at Angola High School in the fall.

She was a member of the Angola High School tennis team and loved skateboarding.

Surviving are her father, Christopher Karn of Angola; her mother, Lori Karn of Auburn; her grandmothers Sherrie Karn of Auburn and Betty Clark of Mansfield, Ohio; her great-grandmother, June Polas of Mansfield; two brothers, Jordan Moore of Mansfield and Wes Karn of Angola; two nieces, Alexis Coleman and Layla Moore, both of Mansfield; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Miss Karn

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Ronald Karn and H.L. Moore.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Chapel of Auburn, with the Rev. David Stine officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, DeKalb County.

Memorials are to the Coltlyn Karn Trust Fund at the First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.

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Jeramie Fulton

ANGOLA — Jeramie E. Fulton, 20, of Angola died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Fremont.

Mr. Fulton was born July 22, 1986, in Marshall, Mich., to Bruce Vanderpool and Dawn Fulton.

Mr. Fulton

He had attended Angola Middle School and Lakeland High School in LaGrange. He was working as a cook at Savory Gardens restaurant in Angola. He liked basketball, hunting, fishing, riding motorcycles and traveling, being with friends and family and playing with his children.

Surviving are his father, Bruce Vanderpool of Angola; his mother and her fiancé, Dawn Fulton and Barry Gose of Angola; his fiancé, Natasha Schiek of Angola; his children, Jordan, Kenny and Jasmine Fulton, all of Angola; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Jamie and Angelo Sicard, Jennifer Vanderpool and her fiancé David Ruiz and Jessica Vanderpool, all of Angola; a niece, Marion Sicard of Angola; a nephew, David Ruiz of Angola; his grandparents, Betty Heckert of Angola and Barb and Nathan Smith of Ypsilanti, Mich.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jessie Fulton; his stepgrandfather, Kenneth Heckert; and three uncles, Jessie Fulton, Kenneth Heckert and Douglas Robinson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Angola, the Rev. James Archambeault officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Memorials are to the family in care of Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses and for Natasha and Jeramie's children.

Condolences can be left online at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Roger Wilcox

ANGOLA — Roger A. Wilcox, 20, of Angola, died Tuesday, July 25, 2006 as the result of an automobile accident.

Mr. Wilcox

He was formerly employed at Metal Spinners in Angola and he had attended Angola High School, where he was on the football and wrestling teams.

His hobbies were fishing, video games, and he was an avid NASCAR fan of Dale Earnhart Jr. He also played in the Angola men's softball league. He loved family gatherings and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are his mother, Brenda Ross of Angola; his father, Roger Hantz of Hamilton; a sister, Amber Ross of Angola; one special nephew, Branden Ross of Angola; six uncles and their wives, Ronnie and Debra Wilcox, Terry and Shirley Wilcox, Larry and Rose Wilcox, Brad and Becky Wilcox, Sam and Alice Wilcox, and Ken and Chris Wilcox; two aunts, Sue Weimer and her husband, Sherman, and Missy Wilcox; numerous cousins; special friend Krystal Ramos of Angola; and his good friend Dean Woodard of Angola.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents; one brother, Brandon Wilcox; and a cousin, Sarah Wilcox.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Pastor Mike Wilder officiating. Burial will be at South Scott Cemetery of Angola.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Roger A. Wilcox Trust Fund at First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.

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Darrell Miller

LEO — Darrell L. "Grampy" Miller, 66, of Leo, died Thursday, July 27, 2006, at his home.

He had worked at Dana Corp. for 34 years, retiring in 1999.

He was a veteran of the Army National Guard.

Mr. Miller loved his family, fishing and woodworking.

Surviving are his wife, Janet L. of Leo; four children and their spouses, Blaine and Leanne Miller and Jamie Miller, all of Fort Wayne, Joel and Richelle Miller of Huntertown and Dara and Chris Miller-Glass of Palm City, Fla.; two sisters, Marilyn Sauders of Fort Wayne and Lois Strunk and her husband, Robert, of Avilla; three grandsons, Cameron, Colin and Christian; and three granddaughters, Meghan, Gabriel and Dariona.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Eldon, and a sister, Anita.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, the Rev. Toni Carmer officiating. Burial will be at Leo Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Leo United Methodist Church, the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or Leo-Grabill Sports Complex.

Edith Rosentrader

KENDALLVILLE — Edith M. Rosentrader, 96, formerly of Churubusco, died Thursday, July 27, 2006 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home of Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and a piano teacher for 60 years. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City.

She was born Aug. 26, 1909, in Millersburg to Mahlon and Grace Rohrer. She graduated from Millersburg High School in 1927 and the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago in 1930.

Mrs. Rosentrader

On Aug. 29, 1943, she married Virgil Rosentrader and moved to Churubusco. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Susan Rosentrader; and three grandchildren and their spouses, Aaron and Rena Rosentrader, Sarah and Matt Furthmiller, and Rebekah and Nick Petges.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Forest Grove Cemetery of Middlebury, the Rev. Vaughn Powell officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the food pantry of the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

The Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be made at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Roger Brown

COLUMBIA CITY — Roger L. Brown, 73, formerly of Columbia City, died Thursday, July 27, 2006, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Brown

He was an accountant with the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C., specializing in the Student Loan Payback Division.

Mr. Brown was born Aug. 23, 1932, to Ralph E. and Mary Ethel (Atchison) Brown in Kosciusko County. He graduated from Coesse High School in 1950 and attended Manchester College, and graduated from Indiana University.

He served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged on Aug. 31, 1962.

He was an avid reader and did crossword puzzles and genealogy.

Surviving are one brother, James F. Brown of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Betty J. Newell and her husband, Bert, of Fort Wayne, Alice J. Hughes of Bryan, Ohio, and Helen Grubb and her husband, David, of Wolcottville; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, five brothers, Albert E., Richard R., Donald W., Jerry L. and Norman E. Brown; and three sisters, Emmajean Louise Brown, Hazel M. Brown and Shirley A. Brudi.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be made at www.demoneygrimes.com.

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IN MEMORIAM

Family, friends remember six who died in accident

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
Amy Oberlin and Michael Marturello

Six people died Tuesday in a fiery vehicle crash in rural Fremont. Following are vignettes of these people remembered by family and friends.

Jeramie Fulton

Jeramie Fulton, the son of Bruce Vanderpool and Dawn Fulton, had three children, the youngest just 2 months old. He and his fiance, Natasha Schiek, lived together in Angola with their baby, Jasmine Ranee Schiek, born May 2. He also leaves behind two sons, Jordon, 3, and Kenny, 1. Kenny turned a year old the day before Jeramie died, said Jeramie's sister, Jessica Vanderpool. He had two other sisters, Jennifer, 19, and Jamie, 21.

"I'm pregnant. He had a niece on the way," said Jennifer. She said he was very excited about having another baby to enjoy. He had other nieces and nephews as well.

Fulton

Last Sunday, the family attended a birthday party for Kenny. The last pictures taken of Fulton were of him smiling with Schiek and their family, said Jennifer.

"He loved his kids," said Jessica. "He went fishing with his oldest boy all the time."

They also liked playing basketball and playing on a child-sized four-wheeler that had been purchased for Jordan.

Jeramie attended Angola Middle School then went to LaGrange High School in ninth grade.

He worked at Savory Gardens in Angola, and had been there for about a year.

Donation jars are being set out at Savory Gardens, Shell stations in Angola and Fremont, Fire Mountain in Auburn and other locations to raise money for Natasha and her new baby.

Separate donations are being sought for the family to deal with funeral and other expenses due to Jeramie's unexpected death.

"He was a very caring and loving person. He'd always make everybody laugh," said Jessica. "Any time somebody needed help, he was always there."

Donavon Green

Hope Green remembers her stepson Donavon, 20, who she had known for 11 years, as a happy person.

"He loved to be around people and do things for people," she said. "He had a big heart."

Donavon attended grade school in Angola, and later went to schools in Coldwater, Mich. and Edon, Ohio. At the time of his death, he was laid off from Metal Spinners in Angola. He had also worked at Tom's Donuts.

Green

"He worked hard. He strived to provide for his family," said Donavon's father, Michael.

That family included Donavon's girlfriend of three years, Joetta Krontz, and her two children, 7-year-old daughter Jordan and 4-year-old son Joey.

"He was like their father," Michael said. "He'd been with Joey since he was a baby."

Michael said Joetta is having a hard time dealing with Donavon's death.

"She's really suffering," he said.

Michael described his son as "talkative and jovial." One of Donavon's greatest sources of pride was his extensive baseball card collection.

Donavon was the oldest of Michael's three sons with Shiela Sheets.

"He was my first," Michael said sadly. "It was just the four of us for a while."

All Michael can hope for, he said, is that the pain of losing his son will lessen as time goes on.

"It's almost unbearable," he said. "It doesn't seem real."

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Coltlyn Karn

Karn

Sixteen-year-old Coltlyn was the daughter of Christopher and Lori Karn. She would have been entering her junior year at Angola High School.

"This is my worst nightmare coming true," said Lori.

Coltlyn's nickname was "Sis." Lori described her as "always smiling and laughing."

"She cared about everyone," Lori said. "She was a friend to everyone regardless of age, race or background."

Her daughter, Lori said, had a magnetic personality.

"Everyone who met and knew her fell in love with Coltlyn," she said. "Once you were Sis' friend, that was it. She had a love for all people. She had so much to offer this world, and has touched all who knew her."

Sisters Lauren Miles, 16, and Melissa Miles, 20, remember playing with Coltlyn and her two brothers as children on their farm.

"She went on vacations with us, Clifty Falls," said Lauren.

"She liked to doodle and draw and color things," said Melissa. "She used to write a lot."

Coltlyn was quiet as a youngster, said Lauren and Melissa, but slowly broke out of her shell as she got older.

"She was always in a good mood. She tried to make everything fun and happy," said Lauren.

Coltlyn was on the tennis team at Angola High School, and also liked to play basketball, said Lauren.

Sam Carothers, 15, had been friends with Coltlyn since the two were in junior high school in Fremont. Sam moved to Florida two years ago, but said she comes back to Angola to spend the summers. Coltlyn had been in Angola for two years.

"She was happy, crazy and fun," Sam said.

Coltlyn loved skateboarding and the music of Avril Lavigne, as well as rock and rap music. She also collected posters.

Brandy Gibson, 14, of Angola was also a friend of Coltlyn's.

"She liked hanging out at Cahoots and just talking to everyone," she said.

Sam said the fact that Coltlyn is gone hasn't sunk in yet.

"Me and Brandy, we're still in shock," she said. "I think we're still kind of hoping she'll come back home, even though we know she won't."

Lori said the loss of her daughter has left a hole in her heart that will never be filled.

"Our lives will never be the same without her," she said.

Megan Kotowski

Kotowski

The youngest victim of the crash was 14-year-old Megan Kotowski, who would have been a freshman at Angola High School. She was the daughter of Kristi and Christopher Roach of Angola and Christian Kotowski of Pocatello, Idaho.

She was the granddaughter of Judy and George Underwood of Angola and also leaves behind a 13-year-old half-brother, Travis Dixon, and an 8-year-old stepbrother, Ethan Roach. Megan would have celebrated her 15th birthday on Aug. 28.

"I just want people to know that (Megan) was here for a short time, but she touched so many lives," Kristi said.

Megan had lived in Angola since she was 7, attending Carlin Park and Hendry Park elementary schools and Angola Middle School.

"Megan was a very loving, open-hearted, full-of-life girl with a lot of friends," Judy said. "She loved her family."

Judy said one of Megan's best friends was her cousin, Michelle Means.

"Those girls were more like sisters than cousins," she said.

Kayla Miller, an employee at Cahoots Coffee Cafe, said Megan was a familiar face at Cahoots.

"Megan was spunky," Miller said. "She had a lot of energy and was fun to be around."

Kristi said the night of the accident, Megan was supposed to be spending the night at the home of another of the accident victims. She said she would like to tell other parents to hold tightly to their children and to tell them every day that they are loved.

"The last time I saw Megan, she told me 'See you tomorrow,'" she said, breaking into sobs. "And now I don't have her anymore. You just don't know when you're going to see someone for the last time."

Sarah Teeple

Teeple

Sarah, 17, was the youngest of the four children of Evelyn and Mark Teeple. She was 6 1/2 months pregnant with a son when she died.

"She was looking so forward to being a mother," said Evelyn, her voice cracking. "This baby was such a blessing for her. She was finally getting her life together."

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Evelyn said she knows that her daughter and the occupants of the Blazer were at a party in Fremont, and she suspects Sarah's five companions had been drinking.

"I heard that she begged the driver to let her drive because she was pregnant and hadn't been drinking," she said.

Although Sarah had been taking good care of herself and her unborn child, Evelyn said her daughter had a wild side before she got pregnant.

"She was a typical teenager, and of course she'd given us some headaches," Evelyn said. "She even wore a necklace that said 'rebel' — she was probably wearing it when the accident happened."

Sarah had worked in the kitchen at The Channel Pub on Lake James. She frequently spent time at Cahoots Coffee Cafe in Angola.

She had finished her junior year at Angola High School, and was planning on graduating from the Educational Opportunity Center in Angola next spring.

Evelyn said she has not gone out to the accident site.

"I'm not ready for that," she said.

Roger Wilcox

Roger Wilcox, 20, was known for his compassion to others, said his sister, Amber Ross.

Wilcox

"Roger was a very big-hearted person. He'd give his last dollar to you if he could. He'd take people under his wing," Amber said. "He was a person who could get along with anybody."

"He was a very good kid," his mother, Brenda Ross, said.

Roger attended Angola High School. He had worked at Angola Metal Spinners.

Amber said her brother was very important to their family. When she had her son, Braden, Roger was there to help out. She said her brother served as a father figure to her son, who idolized her uncle.

"He was a very respected man in everybody's lives. He touched us in ways like no one else has," Amber said.

That was particularly so for the family. Amber said Roger favored two times of the year more than any, Christmas and family reunions.

He also was a very important figure to his mother and sister. Amber said Roger provided strength for the family when it was needed most.

"He was our family's backbone. He always pulled Mom and I up if we needed him," Amber said.

"He loved everyone," Brenda said, leaving the phone to choke back tears.

Roger was a very athletic person. He was involved in local softball league play after having played organized sports when he was a student at Angola Middle School.

"He loved to play ball," Brenda said.

Roger played soccer, baseball, basketball and he wrestled while in school.

"He was a very active person," Amber said. "He loved to fish."

Through sports and other activities, Amber said, Roger loved being with other people.

"He was just a person," she said, thoughtfully, "that would get along with anybody."

Funds established

Funds have been created in the names of the victims of Tuesday's fatal crash in rural Fremont. Accounts for each family are being established at the First Federal Savings Bank of Angola. Family members were being contacted to validate the accounts. Other funds are being created as well to help families deal with funeral and other expenses. In addition, further community benefits are in the works.

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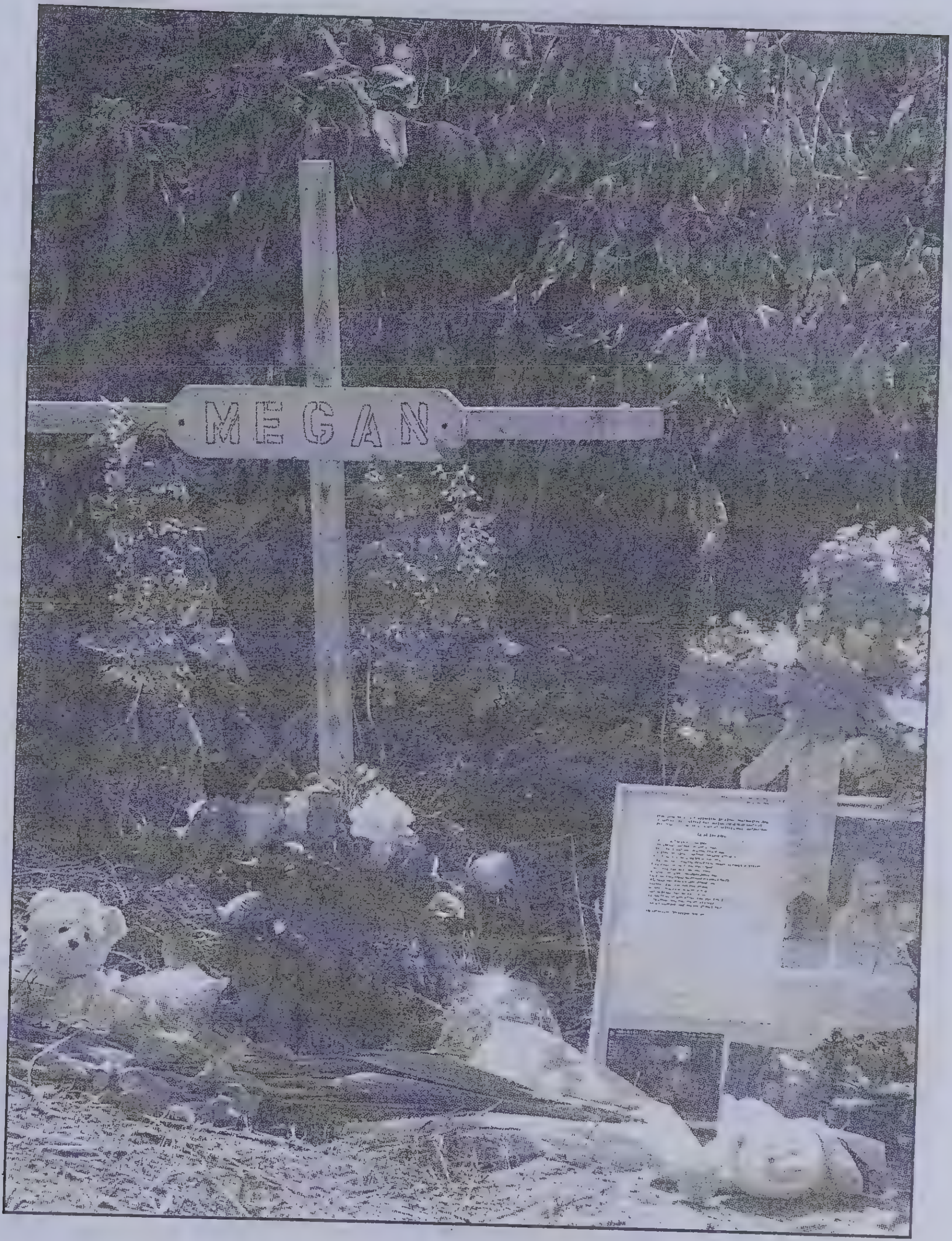

ANDY BARRAND

A cross in honor of Megan Kotowski made by her grandfather sits along the side of C.R. 100E near Fremont at the site of the tragic Tuesday morning accident that took the lives of six people. Friends and family of the six have been leaving flowers and memorials along the roadside since the crash happened.

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Memorial reflects community's grief

BY ANNEMARIE IDDINS
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ANGOLA — About 50 people gathered in Cahoots Coffee Cafe Saturday afternoon to remember six young adults who died in a car crash Tuesday morning outside of Fremont.

Roger Wilcox, 20, and his passengers Jeramie Fulton, 20, Donovan Green, 20, Coltlyn Karn, 16, Megan Kotowski, 14, and Sarah Teeple, 17, all of Angola, lost their lives Tuesday at 4:30 a.m. when the vehicle they were traveling in crashed on C.R. 100E, north of Feather Valley Road, bursting into flames. Teeple was 6 1/2 months pregnant.

Deb Davis of the First Congregational Church of Christ, Angola, began the memorial with a spiritual reading. She then

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opened the floor for anyone to share memories about the crash victims.

Some teens shared memories of their friends, one recalling Coltlyn's "huge blue eyes and big smile," and another recounting how excited Teeple was "to have a son and turn her life around."

Mostly, however, the young people present just seemed content to share their grief silently. Everywhere people cried and consoled, hugging each other and expressing disbelief at the unexpected deaths.

Angola High School principal Steve Grill encouraged everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to share their grief and start the healing process, while Davis acknowledged that that process is not an easy or short one.

" We're not just here for today because grief does not last a day," Davis said. "It last as long as it lasts — a week, a month, a year — and we'll be here as long as you need to try to help you deal with this."

Davis then introduced several grief counselors to the gathering, which disbanded to talk quietly in private or small groups.

Before the group broke up, Lori Karn, Coltlyn's mother, addressed all the young adults present.

"Everyone has to make choices and these kids made some choices that weren't the best," she said. "I want you all to make good decisions, and if that's the only thing that comes out of this, then that's enough."

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Lori Karn
speaking about the accident that took her daughter, Coltlyn

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She never seemed to be discouraged

Martha Beard inspired many as she coped with cancer

BY BILL GISEL
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BUTLER — Martha Beard of rural Butler encouraged a lot of people.

She encouraged her family, who watched her valiant, 16-year struggle against cancer; she encouraged children at the Children First Center in Auburn, where she was a classroom paraprofessional of pre-school children; and she encouraged many strangers, who read a newspaper article about the reunion of her family that had been separated for 46 years.

Mrs. Beard, who was 52, died June 28.

The reunion brought together Mrs. Beard and her nine siblings, who were separated as children and had not been together as a family since that separation.

"She was one of the gentlest women I have ever known," said Mrs. Beard's oldest sister, Linda Hamman of Waterloo. "I admired her, and when I am bothered about problems of my own, I think about her, and then I feel like I can face anything that can come upon me."

About three months before her death, Hamman said, Mrs. Beard and her husband, Ron, auctioned the home and furniture they had shared. They traveled to Tennessee to visit their son, Hamman said, and planned to go to Niagara Falls together after that.

"But, she couldn't, she was just not able," Hamman said. Mrs. Beard and her husband did manage a last motorcycle trip, however, just two weeks before her death.

"She was able to make sure her husband got a new home and new furniture, and that he would have a place," Hamman said. The Beards even went to make her final arrangements, which Hamman said was a time of laughter and sharing.

Asked how she could laugh at such a time, Mrs. Beard responded, "The Lord is going to take me home — you are the ones who are going to suffer," Hamman said.

Betsy Rodecap-Kurtz, one of Mrs. Beard's co-workers at Children First Center, marveled at her attitude.

"She never had a day when she appeared discouraged. Her attitude the whole time (of her illness) was, 'God will take care of me,'" Rodecap-Kurtz said.

Beth Keller, another co-worker, said Mrs. Beard "loved life, her kids and grandkids, and loved being around them." Keller said Mrs. Beard's work carried over to her own children and grandchildren, and she once was seen by another co-worker driving with a load of her offspring.

"They were singing, and she was doing the motions that went with the song, just as if she was at school," Keller said.

"She was a good friend," Keller added.

Hamman said Mrs. Beard's surviving siblings will "keep her memory alive" for the sake of the grandchildren. She was a beautiful woman.

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Ten siblings from across the nation gathered this spring to grant a request from their sister, Martha Beard of Butler, that they reunite for the first time since they were separated as children 46 years ago. Mrs. Beard died June 28 from cancer. In front, from left, are Dianna Hutson of Texas, Donald Reed of Elkhart, Mrs. Beard, Ruth Butler of Ohio, Donna Oswalt of Michigan and Elaine Thorpe of California. In back are Jenny Putt of Michigan, Mary Miller of Auburn, Marie Longenbaugh of Pendleton, and Linda Hamman of Waterloo.

Blanche Fike

ANGOLA — Blanche R. Fike, 74, of Angola died Saturday, July 29, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Fike was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born in LaGrange on March 13, 1932, to Michael and Erma (Baird) Barlow, who are both deceased. She married Earl R. Fike in February 1947. He died in October 1977.

She is survived by four sons, Harry E. Fike of Angola, Cecil W. Fike of Butler, Darel L. Fike of Pretty Lake and Dallas W. Fike of Avilla; two daughters, Rose M. Gill and Arlene O. Parr, both of Metz; 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a half-brother.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or New Hope Christian Church.

Garman Masters

KENDALLVILLE — Garman C. Masters, 86, died Saturday, July 29, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Billie Wiard

LAGRANGE — Billie E. Wiard, 78, died Saturday, July 29, 2006, at her residence in LaGrange.

Mrs. Wiard moved to LaGrange from Wabash in 1949. She retired as LaGrange County Auditor after serving 43 years and was the county's first female auditor. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of LaGrange and the UMW group and Rebecca Circle at the church. She was also a member of the LaGrange County Business and Professional Women and LaGrange County Garden Club.

Mrs Wiard

She was born in Wabash on Dec.18, 1927, to Franklin H. and Opal A. (Frame) Young, who are both deceased.

She married Charles Franklin Wiard on June 25, 1949. He died in 1987.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Richard F. and Marcia Wiard of Sturgis, Mich., three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by a sister, Frankie Young.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Denise Heller officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials to the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Charles Lott

AUBURN — Charles Edward Lott, 79, of Auburn died Friday, July 28, 2006, at Betz Nursing home in Auburn.

Mr. Lott

Mr. Lott was a pilot, working out of Baer Field Airport in Fort Wayne, and a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born in Decatur on June 19, 1927, to Chester and Eulalia (Wemhoff) Lott, who are both deceased.

He is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Charlie Martz of Corunna, Laurie and Scott Romero of Angola and Christy and Mike Miller of Pensacola, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Delbert Washler of Butler; seven grandchildren, Nicholas Martz, Rachel (Nate) Schermerhorn, Tyler Martz, Mariah Martz, Maria Romero, Olivia Romero and Michael Miller; and one great-grandson, Grant Schermerhorn.

Services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Corunna with the Rev. Mark Sheafer officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church.

Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Hoosier Warbird Museum in Auburn

Roger Wilcox

ANGOLA — Roger A. Wilcox, 20, of Angola died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, in Fremont.

He attended Angola High School and was active on the football and wrestling teams. His hobbies included fishing, playing video games, and watching wrestling. He played in the Angola men's softball league, and enjoyed playing basketball at Tri-State University. He was employed at Metal Spinners in Angola. He was an avid Nascar and No. 8 Dale Earnhardt Jr. fan. He loved family gatherings and spending time with his family and friends.

Mr. Wilcox

He was born in Angola on October 28, 1985, to Roger Hantz and Brenda (Wilcox) Ross, who survive.

Besides his parents, other survivors include a sister, Amber Ross of Angola; a special nephew, Braden Ross of Angola; seven uncles and eight aunts, Ronnie and Debra Wilcox, Terry and Shirley Wilcox, Larry and Rose Wilcox, Brad and Becky Wilcox, Sam and Alice Wilcox, Ken and Chris Wilcox, Sue and Sherman Weimer and Missy Wilcox; numerous cousins; a special friend, Krystal Ramos of Angola, and good friend, Dean Woodard of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, a brother, Brandon Wilcox and a cousin, Sarah Wilcox.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Pastor Mike Wilder officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials to the Roger A. Wilcox Trust Fund at First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.

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Garman Masters

AVILLA — Garman C. Masters, 86, of Avilla died Saturday, July 29, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Masters

Mr. Masters had owned and operated Masters Brothers Sinclair Station in Rome City for many years before his retirement.

He was a graduate of Rome City High School and a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

Mr. Masters was a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City, F.& A.M. Masonic Lodge 276 in Kendallville and the Rome City Lions Club.

He was born Oct. 3, 1919, in LaGrange to Frank and Velma (Gee) Masters.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Jack Stellhorn of Clermont, Fla., and Sue Ann and J. David Schermerhorn of Wawaka; a son, Randy Masters of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Sean Masters, Ashley Masters and Sandi Fortman, all of Kendallville, Suzi March of Canton, Mich., Shari Bittles of Lafayette, David G. Schermerhorn of Wawaka, Jill Schermerhorn of Atlanta, Ga., John M. Schermerhorn of Avilla, Jeffrey Schermerhorn of Rome City, and Ryan Stellhorn and Daniel Stellhorn, both of Clermont, Fla.; 13 great-grandchildren; and a special niece, Michelle Barranda of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Hobart, Neil and Robert Masters.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Michael McKinney officiating. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Orange Cemetery near Rome City with the American Legion and VFW providing military services.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to Rome City American Legion Post 381.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Glenda Pickett

ELKHART — Glenda J. Pickett, 59, of Elkhart and Sylvan Lake, Rome City, died Friday, July 21, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Pickett was a member of South Milford Church of Christ and enjoyed making and collecting crafts.

She was born June 16, 1947, and was a 1966 graduate of Mishawaka High School. She married Kenneth Pickett on Oct. 2, 1965, and he survives in Elkhart.

Also surviving are her mother, Catherine "Kitty" Herthoge of Elkhart; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Kelly Pickett of Millersburg; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rhonda and Tom Lentine of Granger and Renee Pickett of Nappanee; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Ralph Warner of Mishawaka; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Albert Herthoge; and a brother, Delbert Fleck.

Services were held July 24 at Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Osceola. Burial was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Osceola.

Memorials are to Faith Mission of Elkhart, 1014 S. Second St., Elkhart.

Ronnie Sparks

FORT WAYNE — Ronnie "Rondo" Sparks, 47, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 29, 2006, in Williamsburg, Ky., from injuries in a motorcycle accident.

Mr. Sparks

Mr. Sparks had been employed at Brady's Landing in Rome City doing marine upholstery and had also driven trucks for Tri Star in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Broadway Rod & Reel Gun Club at Little Turkey Lake.

Mr. Sparks was a member of Five Corners Baptist Church of Wolcottville.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating and was an avid Harley rider.

Mr. Sparks was born Aug. 23, 1958, in Fort Wayne to Joe and Betty Sparks. They survive in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are his fiance, Brigitte Springer of Rome City; two brothers, Bruce Sparks and Joe Sparks, both of Fort Wayne; a sister, Melinda Cox of Fort Wayne; his maternal grandmother, Minnie Luckadoo; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lisa Claymiller in 1984.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Astor Combs

STROH — Astor Combs, 57, of Stroh died at 8:55 a.m. Sunday, July 30, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where he had been a patient since Wednesday.

Mr. Combs

He had lived in the Wolcottville and Stroh areas for the past 40 years after moving here from Kentucky.

Mr. Combs had been a foreman for three years at Forest River RV in Goshen. Prior to that, he had been employed for 17 years at Fairmount Manufactured Housing in Nappanee.

He was a huge fan of NASCAR, University of Kentucky basketball and the Louisville Cardinals football. He loved horse racing, camping and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born April 16, 1949, in Knott County, Ky., to Thornton and Bonnie (Ritchie) Combs. His father is deceased and his mother, Bonnie Combs Bloomer survives in Wolcottville.

Also surviving are a daughter and her fiance, Corinne Schrader and Scott DeLong of Stroh; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Cory and Lisa Ann Combs of LaGrange and Nicholas Loren Hart serving in the U.S. Navy on the USS Lassen; nine sisters and eight brothers-in-law, Janice and James Ramey and Retha Jean and Austin Godsey, all of Stroh, Elmira and Darrell Shepherd, Faye and the Rev. Larry Anglemyer, Shelby Jean and Dennis Vanhoozer, Linda Ann and William Conley and April Lynn Combs, all Wolcottville, Delana Sue and James Messer of Rome City, and Nannie Joyce and Brent Eminger of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Tyler Combs, Taylor Combs, Adam Perkins and Jenoa Perkins; and four great-grandchildren, Isaiha Perkins, Josaiha Coney, Abbey Coney and Estill James Perkins V.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Lee Combs, the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Larry Anglemyer officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Larry Ray Patrick, Scott DeLong, Cecil Messer, Lonnie Messer, Jimmy Conley, Alonzo Combs, Rod Ramey, Rick Prater, Eugene Conley, Austin Godsey and Gary Everage.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Tuesday at the church with a service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Leland Fisher

KENDALLVILLE — Leland P. Fisher of Kendallville died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error.*

Roger Wilcox

ANGOLA — Roger A. Wilcox, 20, of Angola died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, as the result of an automobile accident.

Mr. Wilcox

He was formerly employed at Metal Spinners in Angola. He had attended Angola High School, where he was on the football and wrestling teams.

His hobbies were fishing and video games, and he was an avid fan of NASCAR's Dale Earnhart Jr. He also played in the Angola men's softball league. He loved family gatherings and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are his mother, Brenda Ross of Angola; his father, Roger Hantz of Hamilton; a sister, Amber Ross of Angola; a special nephew, Braden Ross of Angola; six uncles and their wives, Ronnie and Debra Wilcox, Terry and Shirley Wilcox, Larry and Rose Wilcox, Brad and Becky Wilcox, Sam and Alice Wilcox and Ken and Chris Wilcox; two aunts, Sue Weimer and her husband, Sherman, and Missy Wilcox; numerous cousins; a special friend, Krystal Ramos of Angola; and his good friend, Dean Woodard of Angola.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents; a brother, Brandon Wilcox; and a cousin, Sarah Wilcox.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Pastor Mike Wilder officiating. Burial will be at South Scott Cemetery of Angola.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Roger A. Wilcox Trust Fund at First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.

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Violet Budoso

MIDDLETON, Wis. — Violet Budoso, 54, of Middleton, Wis., died Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at her home.

She graduated from Ball State University in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in teaching and taught at Leo Elementary School. For the past 17 years she worked at Land's End, most recently as learning and development senior coordinator.

She was a courageous adventurer with a variety of interests including kayaking and cross-country skiing. She also was a nature enthusiast with a love of birds and was an avid photographer.

She was born May 19, 1952, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Mike and Julianna (Csatari) Budoso. Her father preceded her in death and her mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving is a sister, Agnes Budoso of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Rosemary Bender.

Services were Monday at Gunderson West Funeral Home in Middleton, Wis.

A memorial service at the Golden Years Nursing Home in Fort Wayne is pending.

Memorials are to the Breast Cancer Recovery Foundation or Holy Wisdom Monastery (formerly St. Benedict's Center), both at P.O. Box 5070, Madison, WI 53705-0070.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of local arrangements.

Margaret Graham

BRANSON, Mo. — Margaret Graham, 88, of Branson, Mo., died Friday, July 28, 2006, in Branson.

Mrs. Graham was born Sept. 27, 1917.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Dick Easton, formerly of Angola and now of Branson; two grandsons, Jason Easton and Jared Easton, both of Key Largo, Fla.; and a great-grandson, Braxton Easton of Angola.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Jones Cemetery, Jackson, Mich., with Andy Walz officiating.

Memorials are to Jackson County, Mich., 4-H or the charity of the donor's choice.

Wetherby Funeral Home, Jackson, is in charge of arrangments.

Derald Kruse

AUBURN — Derald D. Kruse, 61, of Auburn died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Calling and services tentatively are planned for Thursday and Friday at the County Line Church of God in rural Auburn.

A complete obituary with service and calling times will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Paul Smith

COLUMBIA CITY — Paul E. Smith, 80, of Columbia City died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Smith was born in Whitley County on April 17, 1926, to Scott G. and Cecelia A. (Shilts) Smith. He married Ardith A. Smith at Big Lake on July 23, 1948, and she survives.

He had lived near the Noble and Whitley County areas his entire life. He attended Wolf Lake High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1944-47. He worked at Erie Haven Trucking Co. for 40 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4717, Wolf Lake.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Vicki and James Carnahan of Angola and Sherri and Gary Hitzfield of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Gail and Elizabeth Smith of Columbia City; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

At Mr. Smith's request, there will be no calling and private graveside services will be held at a later date at Thorn Cemetery, Ormas, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer of Big Lake Church of God officiating.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Riley Children's Hospital.

DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangments.

Condolences can be left online at www.demoney-grimes.com.

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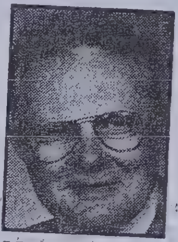
Robert Riehm

KENDALLVILLE — Robert B. Riehm, 92, of Kendallville died at 9:35 a.m. Monday, July 31, 2006, at Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center in Kendallville where he had been a resident since October 2005.


Mr. Riehm

Mr. Riehm had been employed at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville from 1940 to 1979 where he had assisted with the ambulance and funeral services and retired as cosmetologist. Prior to that he had worked at Berhalter Furniture.

He was a lifetime local resident and member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and Elks Lodge 1194.

He was born July 20, 1914, in Kendallville to Phillip A. and Rissie Faye (Britton) Riehm. He married Angeline "Angie" Bower on Oct. 5, 1940, in Kendallville. She died Feb. 13, 2004.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Jr. and Barbara Riehm of Vancouver, Wash., James and Dixie Riehm of Raleigh, N.C., Thomas and Paula Riehm of New Haven and Richard and Marcia Riehm of Atlanta, Ga.; two half sisters, Carolyn Steinhaus and her husband, Otto, of Columbia, Mo., and Mary June Allison of Indianapolis; a half brother and his wife, Harold and Donna Riehm of Lawrence, Kan.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Marjorie Lane

DOUGLAS, Mich. — Marjorie Del Weldin Lane, 96, of Douglas, Mich., and formerly of Bronson, Mich., died Saturday, July 29, 2006, in Douglas.

Mrs. Lane was born Jan. 29, 1910, in Pleasant Lake to Adelbert and Kathryn (Miller) Weldin. She graduated from Coldwater High School in Coldwater, Mich., and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich.

She married George Lane on March 29, 1942, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He preceded her in death on Jan. 18, 1993.

She taught in the Branch County, Mich., and Bronson Community Schools for many years before retiring from teaching in 1972. She then joined her husband in working at the family store, Lane Bros. Dry Goods.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Bronson and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was an avid reader, a lover of music and an accomplished pianist.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Louise and Walter "Skip" Pattison of Douglas and Connie and Thomas Walsh of Ludington, Mich.; three granddaughters and their husbands, Shannon (Pattison) and Tim Clemans of Rochester Hills, Mich., Angela and John Walsh-Morris of Schaumburg, Ill., and Jessica Walsh and Robert Frolick of Roselle, Ill.; and three great-grandchildren, Christian Clemans, Claire Clemans and Chloe Walsh Morris.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Leander Firestone Weldin; and a sister, Ellen Lewis.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, with the Rev. Matt Bistayi officiating. Burial will be in Bronson Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorials are to the Bronson Public Library.

Condolences can be left online at www.kolcz.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun to give additional information.*

Astor Combs

STROH — Astor Combs, 57, of Stroh died at 8:55 a.m. Sunday, July 30, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where he had been a patient since Wednesday.

Mr. Combs

He had lived in the Wolcottville and Stroh areas for the past 40 years after moving here from Kentucky.

Mr. Combs had been a foreman for three years at Forest River RV in Goshen. Prior to that, he had been employed for 17 years at Fairmount Manufactured Housing in Nappanee.

He was a huge fan of NASCAR, University of Kentucky basketball and Louisville Cardinals football. He loved horse racing, camping and spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born April 16, 1949, in Knott County, Ky., to Thornton and Bonnie (Ritchie) Combs. His father is deceased and his mother, Bonnie Combs Bloomer survives in Wolcottville. He married Nannie Sue Messer on June 1, 1968, in Stroh and they renewed their vows on July 24, 2006. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and her fiance, Corinne Schrader and Scott DeLong of Stroh; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Cory and Lisa Ann Combs of LaGrange and Nicholas Loren Hart serving in the U.S. Navy on the USS Lassen; nine sisters and eight brothers-in-law, Janice and James Ramey and Retha Jean and Austin Godsey, all of Stroh, Elmira and Darrell Shepherd, Faye and the Rev. Larry Anglemyer, Shelby Jean and Dennis Vanhoozer, Linda Ann and William Conley and April Lynn Combs, all Wolcottville, Delana Sue and James Messer of Rome City, and Nannie Joyce and Brent Eminger of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Tyler Combs, Taylor Combs, Adam Perkins and Jenoa Perkins; and four great-grandchildren, Isaiha Perkins, Josaiha Coney, Abbey Coney and Estill James Perkins V.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Lee Combs, the Rev. Willie Collins and the Rev. Larry Anglemyer officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Larry Ray Patrick, Scott DeLong, Cecil Messer, Lonnie Messer, Jimmy Conley, Alonzo Combs, Rod Ramey, Rick Prater, Eugene Conley, Austin Godsey and Gary Everage.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today at the church with a service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Dorothy Shaffer

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy M. Shaffer, 95, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 31, 2006, at The Cedars, Leo-Cedarville.

Mrs. Shaffer was a native of Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gahl and Janet Shaffer of Hudson; a daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Jack Green of Kendallville; a sister, Edna Dafforn of Arcola; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean; and a son, Lee.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Agape Church of the Brethren, 11610 Lima Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Nancy Ferguson officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Memorials are to Agape Church of the Brethren or The Cedars.

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Leland Fisher

KENDALLVILLE — Leland "Lee" Fisher, 82, of Kendallville died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Fisher

Mr. Fisher had been employed for 20 years with I&M electric company.

He was a former member of the Kendallville Volunteer Fire Department and a member of American Legion Post 86.

Mr. Fisher served in the U.S. Army in northern France from 1943-1946 during World War II.

He was born April 6, 1924, to DeVer L. and Cora Opal (Steinbarger) Fisher. He married Ada K. Blake on July 14, 1946, in Van Wert, Ohio. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Sandy Fisher of Kendallville and Larry and Christine Fisher of Churubusco; two sisters, Betty Davis of Kendallville and Thelma Pender of Lincoln Park, Mich.; grandchildren, Aaron Fisher of Avilla, Christy Fisher of Fort Wayne, Derrick Fisher of Kendallville, Angela and Billy Stevenson of Gulf Port, Miss., Steven Pyle of Kendallville and Andrea Aboufadel and Tristan Selby, both of Churubusco; and two great-grandchildren, Carrissa and Devan Stevenson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and a brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Jim Kane officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Fire Department or American Legion Post 86.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Eileen Bosshard

GLEN BURNIE, Md. — Eileen E. Bosshard, 94, of Glen Burnie died Sunday, July 30, 2006, in Cranberry Cottage in Glen Burnie.

Mrs. Bosshard was a homemaker.

She loved music, crocheting, traveling, watching sports, spending time with her family and entertaining.

She was born Oct. 8, 1911, in Butler to Robert E. and Rosa Agnes (Smith) Preston. She married Merle E. Cofel on June 15, 1929, in Michigan. He died in 1973. She then married Theodore E. Bosshard on Feb. 1, 1975, in Kendallville. He died in 1998.

Surviving are a daughter, Merleen J. Gerber in Glen Burnie; a son, William E. Cofel of Paxton, Ill.; a stepson, Richard Bosshard of Ft. Myers, Fla.; a sister, Orpha Jean Bently of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother and a grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be two hours prior to services.

Memorials are to Hospice of Chesapeake.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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Guilty plea in child's death

Mom admits to neglect

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A Ligonier woman pleaded guilty this morning in Noble Superior Court to neglect that led to the drowning death of her 16-month-old daughter.

Guzman

Maria M. Guzman, 23, pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent child leading to death, a Class A felony.

Guzman faces 20-50 years in prison and a fine of up to $10,000 when she is sentenced Oct. 11.

Superior Court Judge Stephen Spindler said that there was no written plea agreement in the case, but that the state had agreed to drop a count of neglect of a dependent child, a Class D felony, in exchange for the plea.

Guzman admitted that on Jan. 7 she left her 16-month-old daughter, Bianca A. Tapia Guzman, and her 2-year-old daughter in the bathtub while she left the house. "I left the girls unattended," she said.

The D felony charge pertained to the 2-year-old daughter, Noble

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County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said.

Guzman said she had left to pick up the girls' father. She testified that she had called to her brother, who was in the residence, and told him to watch the girls. "I thought my brother had heard me," she said.

Guzman's 20-year-old brother was asleep upstairs and told authorities he did not hear her. She admitted this morning that she was negligent in that she did not make sure he heard her before she left. The 2-year-old exited the tub while she was gone.

Guzman's brother told authorities he was awakened by shouting when Bianca Guzman was found later face-down in the tub, according to court documents. Guzman had two minor siblings in the house at that time— another brother, who was asleep, and a 6-year-old sister who was watching TV.

Spindler set sentencing for after Guzman's due date on her current pregnancy. She told him she is due to deliver her third child Aug. 28.

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Derald Kruse, prominent Auburn attorney, dies at 61

AUBURN — Derald D. Kruse, 61, of Auburn died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Kruse

Mr. Kruse was an attorney and a partner in the law firm of Kruse and Kruse from 1970 to 2002. He served as corporate counsel and vice president of Ambassador Steel Corp. from 2002 until his death.

He graduated from Leo High School in 1962 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University in 1966. He earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1969 from Indiana University School of Law.

He was a member of the County Line Church of God in rural Auburn, where he served as chairman of the church board for more than 20 years and taught Bible studies for 42 years. He was a member of the Christian Legal Society and Phi Beta Kappa and a past trustee of Mid America Bible College, serving five years.

He also was a member of the DeKalb County Bar Association and Indiana Bar Association and the chairman of the board of Grabill Bank.

He used his vocation to serve his community as DeKalb County attorney, drainage board attorney for both DeKalb and Steuben counties and attorney for the DeKalb County Aviation Board and Northeast Indiana Solid Waste Management District. He was the attorney for Lakewood Park Christian School for more than 20 years. He considered himself a lifelong learner.

He was born Aug. 31, 1944, in Auburn to Russell W. and Luella (Boger) Kruse. His mother preceded him in death. His father survives in Auburn.

He married Jacqueline S. Weller on Aug. 29, 1965, at the County Line Church of God. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dane A. and Angela Kruse of Auburn; two daughters, Shannon E. Kruse of Auburn and Janelle R. Kruse of Auburn; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean V. and Kristin Kruse of Auburn, David A. and Patricia Kruse of Auburn, Dennis K. and Kay Kruse of Auburn and Daniel J. and Candace Kruse of San Antonio, Texas; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Diann M. and Steve Ferris of Vernal, Utah, and Debra S. and Michael Shoaff of Leo; and two grandchildren, Annaliese and William Kruse.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the County Line Church of God. The Rev. Bob Herman and the Rev. Stuart Kruse will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the County Line Church of God Youth Ministries.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

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Earl Weaver

MONGO — Earl L. Weaver, 89, of Mongo died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Weaver had retired from Formed Tubes in Sturgis, Mich.

Mr. Weaver

He was raised in Mongo and then had lived in Sturgis before moving back to Mongo in 1973.

Mr. Weaver loved animals, especially dogs, and enjoyed restoring older homes as a hobby.

Mr. Weaver was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Sturgis.

He was born Aug. 29, 1916, in North Manchester to Ralph and Bertha (Correll) Weaver. He married Helen M. Culver on June 3, 1937, in Wabash. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara Estelle of Howe and Linda and John Jackson of Sturgis; a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Naomi Weaver in Jacksonville, Fla.; two brothers, Virgil Weaver of Port Richey, Fla., and Phillip Weaver of Howe; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Asa Weaver and Willard Weaver; and a grandson, Rodney Hout.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Church of the Nazarene in Sturgis with the Rev. John Shoup officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Church of the Nazarene in Sturgis.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Charles Gass

FORT WAYNE — Charles F. Gass, 95, died Monday, July 31, 2006, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gass was a former resident of Auburn. He worked at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 44 years, retiring in 1975.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and the Machinists Lodge AFL.

He was born April 7, 1911, in Allen County to Edward W. and Katharine (Zorger) Gass. They preceded him in death.

He married V. Maxine Rickett on Nov. 28, 1935, in Garrett. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Dallas Wolf of Auburn and Marcia and Dick Cook of Middlebury; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Joe, Leo and Herb Gass.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in St. Michael Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be today from 5-7 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from noon-1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Michael Catholic Church.

Robert Preniczny

CHANHASSEN, Minn. — Robert Bruce Preniczny, 52, of Chanhassen, Minn., died Wednesday, July 26, 2006, after a battle with lung cancer.

Mr. Preniczny was born in Gary on Oct. 14, 1953, to Robert and Hallie (Shinneman) Preniczny. He was married to Renee Beard on Dec. 18, 1976, in Angola. She survives.

He received his engineering degree from Tri-State University, his Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Notre Dame and his Master of Business Administration degree from Indiana University.

He retired from Honeywell, where he worked in the South Bend and Minneapolis offices, after more than 25 years. He had been director of engineering and program management. He was an expert in the aerospace field with several patents, and continued working as a consultant.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Preniczny of Mishawaka; a daughter, Kristen Preniczny of Chanhassen; his mother, Hallie Preniczny of Hobart; his father and stepmother, Robert and Lois Preniczny of Lansing, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Scott and JoAnn Preniczny of Palm Bay, Fla.; his mother-in-law, Rosalind Beard of Angola; three brothers-in-law and their wives, Michael and Sharyn Beard of Nebraska and Kedric and Laurie Beard and Kevin and Janelle Beard, all of Angola; and a sister-in-law, Jenny Beard of St. Louis, Mo.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant View Church of Christ, Angola.

Memorials are to American Cancer Society, specifically for lung cancer research.

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Daniel Miller

GOSHEN — Daniel J. Miller, 92, of Goshen and formerly of Middlebury died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital. He had been ill two months.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was a self-employed carpenter until 1973 and the served as manager for Karch Lumber in Middlebury until 1981. Following his retirement, he worked in his wood shop at his home.

He was a member of First Mennonite Church of Middlebury where he served as a trustee and elder and served on the building committee.

Mr. Miller was born March 4, 1914, in Millersburg, Ohio, to Jonas and Lydia (Hershberger) Miller. He married Betty Kaufman on Oct. 13, 1940, in Middlebury. She died March 3, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and June Miller of Middlebury; a brother, Omer Miller of Sarasota, Fla.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Lori Miller of Middlebury.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Larry Miller; a sister, Edna Slabach; and a brother, Raymond Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linford Martin officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to the American Heart Fund or Habitat for Humanity.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Sister Mary Mudore

AVILLA — Sister Mary Doris Mudore, O.S.F., 90, of Avilla died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla where she had resided since Dec. 3, 2002.

She had been a Franciscan Sister of the Sacred Heart for 69 years.

She received her bachelor's degree from St. Francis College in Joliet, Ill., and her master's degree from the University of San Francisco.

During her 44 years as a teacher, she taught various grade levels at many schools including 10 years at St. Mary's School in Avilla.

After retiring, she remained active in a variety of ministries doing office work and receptionist and as a child care worker and houseparent.

She was born June 16, 1916, in Aurora, Ill., to Theodore and Anna (Duca) Mudore.

There are no survivors.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers and sisters, John, Helen, Marion and Betty.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Provena Sacred Heart Home with the Rev. Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in Aurora, Ill.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Thursday at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel with a wake service at 2 p.m.

Memorials are to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Senior Sisters Retirement Fund, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, Ill. 60423-8335.

Robert Vanderhyde

LAGRANGE — Robert E. Vanderhyde, 68, of LaGrange died Wednesday, July 26, 2006, in Sullivan, Mo.

Mr. Vanderhyde had moved to LaGrange 36 years ago from Kent City, Mich.

He transported fifth-wheel travel trailers.

Mr. Vanderhyde was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran.

He was born Oct. 25, 1937, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Frank and Frances (Bricker) Vanderhyde. He married Arlene Hoekwater on Sept. 4, 1970, in Grand Rapids, Mich. and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Frank Vanderhyde of Rockford, Mich., and Robby Vanderhyde of Las Vegas, Nev.; three daughters, Deb, Jean and Marie; a stepson and his wife, Russ and Deb Miltibarger of Holland, Mich.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Cindy and Dennis Sherck of LaGrange; four brothers, Frank Vanderhyde and Dick Vanderhyde, both of Sparta, Mich., Tom Vanderhyde of Rockford, Mich., and Dave Vanderhyde of Cedar Springs, Mich.; a sister, Mary Anderson of White Cloud, Mich.; and five stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the LaGrange Church of God in LaGrange with the Rev. Mark Denney officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 1-2 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 2, 2006, Wednesday

Josephine Clouse, 81

AVILLA — Josephine M. Clouse, 81, of Avilla died at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Clouse had lived in the Kendallville, Avilla and Albion areas her entire life.

She had worked in the finishing department at Silgan Plastics in Ligonier for more than 30 years and was a member of the Silgan Club for 25 years.

Mrs. Clouse enjoyed cooking, cleaning, doing crossword puzzles, watching college basketball and game shows, especially "Wheel of Fortune."

She was born Nov. 9, 1924, in Kendallville to Marve and Alice (Brown) Leighty. She married Harry A. Clouse on Dec. 24, 1954, in Albion. He died in October 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Edward L. Peffer of Ligonier and Gary Clouse and his companion, Kathy Bond, of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Charlene and David Hess of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Bondie Leighty and Gene and Connie Leighty, all of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Leighty; four grandchildren, John Hess, James Hess, Kim Teel and Jennifer Saggars; and eight great-grandchildren, Alyssa Hess, Kami Hess, Haley Teel, Taylor Saggars, Tori Gomez, Triston Gomez, Austin Teel and Mallory Teel.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Marve Leighty.

Services were held Saturday, July 29, 2006, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Larry Williams officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Blanche Fike, 74

ANGOLA — Blanche R. Fike, 74, of Angola died Saturday, July 29, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Fike was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born in LaGrange on March 13, 1932, to Michael and Erma (Baird) Barlow, who are both deceased. She married Earl R. Fike in February 1947. He died in October 1977.

She is survived by four sons, Harry E. Fike of Angola, Cecil W. Fike of Butler, Darel L. Fike of Pretty Lake and Dallas W. Fike of Avilla; two daughters, Rose M. Gill and Arlene O. Parr, both of Metz; 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a half-brother.

Services were held Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Burial was in Corunna Cemetery.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or New Hope Christian Church.

Darrell, Miller, 66

LEO — Darrell L. "Grampy" Miller, 66, of Leo, died Thursday, July 27, 2006, at his home.

He had worked at Dana Corp. for 34 years, retiring in 1999.

He was a veteran of the Army National Guard.

Mr. Miller loved his family, fishing and woodworking.

Surviving are his wife, Janet L. of Leo; four children and their spouses, Blaine and Leanne Miller and Jamie Miller, all of Fort Wayne, Joel and Richelle Miller of Huntertown and Dara and Chris Miller-Glass of Palm City, Fla.; two sisters, Marilyn Sauders of Fort Wayne and Lois Strunk and her husband, Robert, of Avilla; three grandsons, Cameron, Colin and Christian; and three granddaughters, Meghan, Gabriel and Dariona.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Eldon, and a sister, Anita.

Services were held Monday, July 31, 2006, at the Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, with the Rev. Toni Carmer officiating. Burial was in Leo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Leo United Methodist Church, the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or Leo-Grabill Sports Complex.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 2, 2006, Wednesday

Arnold Knox, 63

WAWAKA — Arnold Knox, 63, of Wawaka and formerly of Kendallville ,died Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at the home of his daughter near Brimfield.

Mr. Knox had retired as second-shift foreman after 38 years of service with Quick Tanks in Kendallville.

He served as a patrolman with the Kendallville Police Department for 23 years.

Mr. Knox was a member of the Kendallville Civil Defense and Police Reserves and had served as captain of the reserves in the past.

He enjoyed many hobbies, including repairing lawn mowers, building trailers from scratch, mowing grass, plowing snow and doing odd jobs. He also enjoyed squirrel hunting and rabbit hunting and raising beagle hunting dogs.

He was born Aug. 5, 1942, in Wayland, Ky., to Howard and Ada (Hicks) Knox. He married Mary Elizabeth Everage on July 8, 1961, in Ottawa, Mich. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Deborah Knox of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Tawnya and Carson Strouse of Wawaka; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Arvin and Nancy Knox and Ernest and Mary Knox, all of Kendallville, and Kenneth and Wanda Knox of West Liberty, Ken.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Birdie and Gary Compton of Kendallville and Brenda Kaye and Ricky Ross of West Liberty; and six grandchildren, Travis Bailey of Crystal Lake, Ill., Travis James Knox of Kendallville, and Danielle Knox, Skyler Strouse, Nathan Terry and Taylar Knox, all of Wawaka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Tawana Knox-Goings on Nov. 15, 2002; four brothers, Burnis, Curt, Anthony and Otis; and four sisters, Maudie Cordial, Hettie Lucas, Hattie Hicks and Brenda Faye Conley.

Services were held Friday, July 28, 2006, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Birtchell Mosley Jr. officiating.

Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion. Pallbearers were Tim Knox, Carson Strouse, Skyler Strouse, Nathan Terry, Travis Knox and Travis Bailey.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice, American Diabetes Association or Parkinson's Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Robert Wynkoop, 79

GOSHEN — Robert W. "Bob" Wynkoop, 79, of Goshen, died Thursday, July 27, 2006 at home.

He retired in 1989 from Fort Myers Truck Stop in Fort Wayne after 33 years of employment.

He was born June 16, 1927 in Fort Wayne, to Frank and Bessie (Garrison) Wynkoop.

On Jan. 7, 1950, he married Harriet Ness in Wolcottville. He lived the last nine years in Goshen and had lived 25 years at Knapp Lake in Noble County.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters and sons-in-law, Deb and Perry Weeks of Albion and Cathy and Jim Stutsman of Kenai, Alaska; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gary Wynkoop of Kendallville, Barry and Karen Wynkoop of Fort Wayne, and Ben and Kathy Wynkoop of Mottville, Mich.; 17 grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; two sisters, Madelyn Sheean of Fort Wayne and Scharee Schwalm of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Franklin "Bud" Wynkoop of Zepher Hills, Fla.

Preceding him in death were his parents and three sisters, Bette Garrison, Joye Madden and Lois Sullivan.

Services were held Monday, July 31, 2006, at the Young Family Funeral Home Wolcottville Chapel, with Sam Troyer officiating. Burial was at Woodland Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kylen Branham, Dustin Wynkoop, Colby Wynkoop, Cory Wynkoop, Brian Stutsman and Jacob Stutsman.

Memorials are to the Goshen Hospital Hospice.

Condolences may be made at youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 2, 2006, Wednesday

Leland "Lee" Fisher, 82

KENDALLVILLE - Leland "Lee" Fisher, 82, of Kendallville died Sunday, July 30, 2006, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Fisher had been employed for 20 years with I&M electric company.

He was a former member of the Kendallville Volunteer Fire Department and a member of American Legion Post 86.

Mr. Fisher served in the U.S. Army in northern France from 1943-1946 during World War II.

He was born April 6, 1924, to DeVer L. and Cora Opal (Steinbarger) Fisher. He married Ada K. Blake on July 14, 1946, in Van Wert, Ohio. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Sandy Fisher of Kendallville and Larry and Christine Fisher of Churubusco; two sisters, Betty Davis of Kendallville and Thelma Pender of Lincoln Park, Mich.; grandchildren, Aaron Fisher of Avilla, Christy Fisher of Fort Wayne, Derrick Fisher of Kendallville, Angela and Billy Stevenson of Gulf Port, Miss., Steven Pyle of Kendallville and Andrea Aboufadel and Tristan Selby, both of Churubusco; and two great-grandchildren, Carrissa and Devan Stevenson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and a brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Jim Kane officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Fire Department or American Legion Post 86.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kristoffer Shultz, 32

CHURUBUSCO — Kristoffer Allen Shultz, 32, of rural Churubusco died at 4:33 p.m. Thursday, July 27, 2006, at his home. He had been seriously ill for the past five years.

A native of Auburn, Mr. Shultz had lived several years in Garrett and Fort Wayne.

He had been employed at Mills' Auto Parts Inc. in New Haven and was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Mr. Schultz enjoyed motorcycles, dirt bikes, fishing and spending time with his dog, Sissy.

He was born Sept. 2, 1973, in Auburn.

Surviving are his sons, Tyler K. Smith of Wolf Lake and Kenneth Pfafman of Kendallville; his father and stepmother, Keith A. and Mary Lou (Merrill) Shultz of Churubusco, with whom he made his home; his mother, Margaret (Cottrell) Christlieb of Fort Wayne; two half sisters, April Christlieb and her companion, Travis Anderson, and Nicole Christlieb, all of Churubusco; a stepsister and her husband, Tina and Erwin Christie of Fort Wayne; a half brother and his wife, Robert and Jennifer Shultz of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother and his companion, David Miller and Cindy Burnham of Churubusco; his grandparents, Odessa Shultz, Juanita Combs and Doler Bevis, all of Garrett; and a nephew, Devin Clark of Churubusco.

Services were Monday, July 31, 2006, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 2, 2006, Wednesday

Garman Masters, 86

AVILLA — Garman C. Masters, 86, of Avilla died Saturday, July 29, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Masters had owned and operated Masters Brothers Sinclair Station in Rome City for many years before his retirement.

He was a graduate of Rome City High School and a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

Mr. Masters was a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City, F.& A.M. Masonic Lodge 276 in Kendallville and the Rome City Lions Club.

He was born Oct. 3, 1919, in LaGrange to Frank and Velma (Gee) Masters.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Jack Stellhorn of Clermont, Fla., and Sue Ann and J. David Schermerhorn of Wawaka; a son, Randy Masters of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Sean Masters, Ashley Masters and Sandi Fortman, all of Kendallville, Suzi March of Canton, Mich., Shari Bittles of Lafayette, David G. Schermerhorn of Wawaka, Jill Schermerhorn of Atlanta, Ga., John M. Schermerhorn of Avilla, Jeffrey Schermerhorn of Rome City, and Ryan Stellhorn and Daniel Stellhorn, both of Clermont, Fla.; 13 great-grandchildren; and a special niece, Michelle Barranda of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Hobart, Neil and Robert Masters.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, August, 3, 2006, at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Michael McKinney officiating. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Orange Cemetery near Rome City with the American Legion and VFW providing military services.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to Rome City American Legion Post 381.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Thank You

The family of Lucille Allman wishes to convey their heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of flowers, cards, food, visits, gifts, prayers, and other acts of kindness shown to our families in this time of sadness.

May God bless you all.

Janet & John Chojnowski
Linda & Bob Allman

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
That anyone could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
What ever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.
By the family of Roy Scott Riddle

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 3, 2006, Thursday

Darlene Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Darlene "Doll" Hicks, 63, of Kendallville died at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at her home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Evelyn Evers

KENTLAND — Evelyn R. Evers, 86, of Kentland died at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006.

Mrs. Evers was a registered nurse and had lived in Kentland since 1947.

She had owned and operated the rendering plant in Kentland.

She was born July 1, 1913, in Noble County to Herman and Mary Lash of Avilla. She married Robert J. Evers on July 3, 1937, and he died April 25, 1996.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lee and Cindy Evers of Elkhart, Ray and Mary Evers of Joliet, Ill., and James and Charlotte Evers of Raub, Ind.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Gervis Schafer of Syracuse and Kay and Jerry Rafferty of Franklin; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four sisters; and a brother.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Kentland with the Rev. Robert Bernotas officiating. Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery in Kentland.

Calling will be from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the McMullan-Stitz Funeral Home in Kentland.

Ruth Heffley

AUBURN — A memorial service for Ruth A. Heffley will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Soul's Harbor Assembly of God Church, 3810 C.R. 40-A, Auburn.

Mrs Heffley, 96, of Auburn died July 21, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church of Auburn, Souls Harbor Assembly of God in Auburn, the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the DeKalb County Homemakers Club.

She was born Oct. 7, 1909, in Butler to Frank and Alma (Love) Snyder.

She married Kenneth N. Heffley on May 30, 1926, in Hillsdale, Mich. He died Nov. 15, 1978.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Donaldson of Auburn; a son, Larry Heffley of Auburn; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; and a great-great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by a son, Harold Heffley; a grandson, Kim Heffley; a great-grandson, Ben Heffley; a sister, Helen Deller; and two brothers, Dale and Millard Snyder.

Memorials are to the family in care of Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, IN 46793.

Feller Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 3, 2006, Thursday

Galen Bowker

FORT WAYNE — Galen LaVon Bowker, 59, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Bowker was a graduate of Hicksville High School in Ohio and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He worked at General Motors in Fort Wayne for 22 years.

He was born May 23, 1947, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Virgil L., and Iva Mae (Dotts) Bowker.

He married Yvonne M. Oberlin on April 28, 1983, in the DeKalb County Courthouse. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Nathan Bowker, Nicholas Bowker and Derek Griffith, all of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Jordan, Alexis and Samantha Bowker, all of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Virginia Bissett of Toledo, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two daughters, Sarah Bowker and Tara Oberlin.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Burial will be in Big Run Cemetery, east of Butler on DeKalb C.R. 75.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Fort Wayne.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Lester Steigerwald Jr.

HAMILTON — Lester "Top" Steigerwald Jr., 47, died Monday, July 31, 2006, at home.

Mr. Steigerwald was born in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Steigerwald

Surviving are his wife, Sandra K. Steigerwald of Hamilton; two sons, Brad A. Valentine of Hamilton and Tyler J. Steigerwald at home; a daughter, Alycia L. Steigerwald at home; a grandson, Eric A. Valentine; his mother, Beverly A. Steigerwald of New Haven; a brother, Steven A. Steigerwald of New Haven; and three sisters, Linda K. Gillenwater and Tonya A. Hicks, both of Fort Wayne, and Tammi S. Zurbuch of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lester Steigerwald Sr.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Willie Welch officiating. Calling is today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
August 3, 2006, Thursday

Garman Masters

AVILLA — Garman C. Masters, 86, of Avilla died Saturday, July 29, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Masters had owned and operated Masters Brothers Sinclair Station in Rome City for many years before his retirement.

He was a graduate of Rome City High School and a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

Mr. Masters was a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City, F.& A.M. Masonic Lodge 276 in Kendallville and the Rome City Lions Club.

He was born Oct. 3, 1919, in LaGrange to Frank and Velma (Gee) Masters.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diane and Jack Stellhorn of Clermont, Fla., and Sue Ann and J. David Schermerhorn of Wawaka; a son, Randy Masters of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Sean Masters, Ashley Masters and Sandi Fortman, all of Kendallville, Suzi March of Canton, Mich., Shari Bittles of Lafayette, David G. Schermerhorn of Wawaka, Jill Schermerhorn of Atlanta, Ga., John M. Schermerhorn of Avilla, Jeffrey Schermerhorn of Rome City, and Ryan Stellhorn and Daniel Stellhorn, both of Clermont, Fla.; 13 great-grandchildren; and a special niece, Michelle Barranda of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Hobart, Neil and Robert Masters.

Services will be at 7 p.m. today, Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Michael McKinney officiating. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Orange Cemetery near Rome City with the American Legion and VFW providing military services.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. today, Thursday, at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to Rome City American Legion Post 381.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Guilty plea

ALBION — A Ligonier woman pleaded guilty Wednesday in Noble Superior Court to neglect that led to the drowning death of her 16-month-old daughter.

Woods

Maria M. Guzman, 23, pleaded guilty to neglect of a dependent child leading to death, a Class A felony.

Guzman faces 20-50 years in prison and a fine of up to $10,000 when she is sentenced Oct. 11.

Superior Court Judge Stephen Spindler said that there was no written plea agreement in the case, but that the state had agreed to drop a count of neglect of a dependent child, a Class D felony, in exchange for the plea.

Guzman admitted that on Jan. 7 she left her 16-month-old daughter, Bianca A. Tapia Guzman, and her 2-year-old daughter in the bathtub while she left the house. "I left the girls unattended," she said.

The D felony charge pertained to the 2-year-old daughter, Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse said.

Guzman said she had left to pick up the girls' father. She testified that she had called to her brother, who was in the residence, and told him to watch the girls. "I thought my brother had heard me," she said.

Guzman's 20-year-old brother was asleep upstairs and told authorities he did not hear her. She admitted this morning that she was negligent in that she did not make sure he heard her before she left. The 2-year-old exited the tub while she was gone.

Guzman's brother told authorities he was awakened by shouting when Bianca Guzman was found later face-down in the tub, according to court documents. Guzman had two minor siblings in the house at that time— another brother, who was asleep, and a 6-year-old sister who was watching TV.

Spindler set sentencing for after Guzman's due date on her current pregnancy. She told him she is due to deliver her third child Aug. 28.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 4, 2006, Friday

Lori Molin

AUBURN — Lori Ann Molin, 44, died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Molin

Mrs. Molin worked at the law firm of Kruse and Kruse PC as a paralegal. She was a member of the County Line Church of God.

She was born in Garrett to Howard and Barbara Ashenfelter. Her parents survive in Garrett.

She married Gregory L. Molin on Aug. 19, 1987, at the County Line Church of God. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are two daughters, Chelsea and Katie Molin, at home; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda Snodderly and the Rev. David Snodderly of Auburn; three brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Debbie Ashenfelter of Garrett, Doug and Margaret Ashenfelter of Garrett and Jim and Tina Ashenfelter of Kendallville; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dr. John Molin and Dorothy Molin of Auburn; and a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Patti and Rick Davis of Auburn.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Community Cares Trust for Chelsea and Katie Molin.

Dr. Quinten Ringenberg

ASHLEY — Dr. Quinten Ringenberg, 88, died Monday, July 31, 2006, in Naples, Fla.

He graduated from Ashley High School in the 1930s and was an orthodontist for 50 years in St. Louis, Mo.

He was born Jan. 15, 1918, in Woodburn to Sam and Clara (Knoblaugh) Ringenberg.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Mike Pfaller of Iowa City, Iowa, and their two sons; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Carolyn Ringenberg of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, Miles and Thelma Ringenberg of Auburn and Everett and Joyce Ringenberg of Hope, Ind.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty and Herbert Weisshart of Las Vegas, Nev., and Ilean McLaughlin of Winter Haven, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, June; his second wife, Marguerite; and a sister, Charlotte Dasher.

Services will be Friday, Aug. 18, at 2 p.m. at Webster Grove Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Mo.

Marelevon Sexton

KENDALLVILLE — Marelevon Sexton of Kendallville died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at her home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Patsy Hart-Fye

PORTERVILLE, Miss. — Patsy Hart-Fye, 75, of Porterville died Friday, July 14, 2006, at Rush Foundation Hospital in Meridian, Miss.

Mrs. Fye had lived in Porterville since November 2004. Prior to that she had lived in Palatka and Port Orange, Fla.

She was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church in Port Orange and active in the First Place Sunday school and was a former member of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Fye played the organ and sang along with her husband at functions in the Port Orange area. She loved to play Dominoes and collect cookbooks.

She was born Dec. 17, 1930, in Kendallville to Clem and Savilla Hart. She graduated in 1948 from Kendallville High School.

Surviving are her husband, John; six daughters, Glenda Reynolds of Jacksonville, Fla., Gaye and Rusty Fox of Hollister, Fla., Karen and Mike Haller of Palm Coast, Wanda and Bill Cramer of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Terri and Don Pratt of Port Orange and Tina and Todd Garner of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; a sister, Clemathene "Tootie" Hornett of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services and burial were held in Port Orange.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 4, 2006, Friday

Darlene Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Darlene "Doll" Hicks, 63, of Kendallville died at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at her home. She had been ill the past 10 months.

Mrs. Hicks

Mrs. Hicks had moved to the area in 1987 from Whitewood, Va.

She was a homemaker and had previously owned Hicks Flowers & Gifts in Rome City with her sister-in-law, Sandy Hicks.

Mrs. Hicks was a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church at Lisbon.

She enjoyed flower arranging and working in her shop.

She was born Dec. 17, 1942, in Harman, Va., to James Walter and Canzaty (Deel) Yates. She married Raymond Russell Hicks on Feb. 29, 1964, in Harman. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Sean and Tammy Hicks of Ligonier and Tim Hicks of Kendallville; two sisters, Ethel Hagerman of Angola and Emalene Looney of Maxie, Va.; a brother, Neubern Yates of Haysi, Va.; and two grandchildren, Tanner Russell Hicks and Cassidy Shae Hicks.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Sarah Yates, Irene Conaway Stiltener and Zella Conaway Coleman; and three brothers, Ervin Yates, James Walter Yates Jr. and Gobel Yates.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church with Elders Harvey Tuttle, Delmus Hall, Scott Hamilton and Morris Wicker officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Active pallbearers will be Bill Owens, James Conaway, Dr. Brian Looney, Dennis Hagerman, Calvin Cole, Harrison Hicks, Darrel Yates and Avery Yates. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Rex Flenar, Dr. Dennis Lamp and Mark Gayheart.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the church with a service at 6 p.m Sunday.

Memorials are to Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@global.net

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 5, 2006, Saturday

Shawna Dock

KALAMAZOO — Shawna A. (Brizendine) Dock, 30, of Kalamazoo, Mich. died Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Dock was born Aug. 15, 1975, in Kalamazoo, Mich. to Robert Yohey and Tammy Brizendine. She had been a Kalamazoo resident most of her life, and was employed with Dr. Harrell's Medical Office for six years.

Mrs. Dock

Surviving are her husband, Sean M. Dock; four sons, Shayne and Gavyn Garza and Dominic and Peyton Dock, all of Portage, Mich.; her mother and stepfather, Tammy and Robert Jeffries of Portage; her father, Robert Yohey of Angola; her stepmother, Robin Lovett of Kalamazoo; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Jack Yohey of Angola, Shawn and Jodi Yohey of Kalamazoo and Daniel Jeffries of Portage; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Tammy Jeffries of Portage and Lisa and Jeffery Hinkley of Angola; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a son, Brennan Robert Lee Green.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Joldersma & Klein Funeral Home, Kalamazoo. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Kalamazoo.

Memorials are to Mrs. Dock's children's educational expense fund.

Michael Franklin

KENDALLVILLE — Michael Dean Franklin, 47, of Kendallville died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had suffered from multiple sclerosis for years.

Mr. Franklin was born Nov. 18, 1958, in Goshen to Walter M. and Cecelia (Young) Franklin. He was a lifetime Kendallville area resident.

He was an East Noble High School graduate. He had been a cook in the Army, and also at the St. James Restaurant in Avilla, the Elks Lodge in Kendallville and the Anchor Inn in Rome City. He served in the U.S. Army for nine years, and went on tours of duty in Panama and Germany.

He attended Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne, where he studied culinary arts. He was a member of the Paralyzed Veterans of America and enjoyed rock music.

Surviving are his father in Kendallville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Jacalyn "Jackie" and Steve Powell of Kendallville and Cathy and Charles Allen of Naperville; and a brother and sister-in-law, Walter Max Jr. and Linda Franklin of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

There will be no services or calling. Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences can be e-mailed to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Connie Munk

WOLF LAKE — Connie Sue Munk, 56, of Noblesville and formerly of Wolf Lake, died Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, at the emergency room of Riverside Hospital, Noblesville.

Ms. Munk was born Sept. 30, 1949, in Wolf Lake to James W. and Norma Jean (Stangland) Munk. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1967, and received an associate's degree in nursing from Purdue University.

She had spent her entire life in the Wolf Lake area until moving to Noblesville in 2004. She served in the U.S. Army and worked as a registered nurse for 30 years. She was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Kristy Mitchell of Noblesville; two grandchildren, Tori and Tyler Mitchell, both of Noblesville; her mother, Norma Jean Munk of Albion; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Marlo "Bud" and Nancy Munk and Phil Munk, all of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her father and her longtime companion, Kevin Putt.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Demoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Wray McCallester officiating. Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, Noble County.

Memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

Condolences can be left online at www.demoney-grimes.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 5, 2006, Saturday

Marelevon Sexton

KENDALLVILLE — Marelevon "Marla" Sexton, 69, of Kendallville died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Sexton was born in Patton Branch, Knott County, Ky., on July 2, 1937, to Earl and Millie (Hall) Thornsbury. She married Carl E. Sexton on Sept. 10, 1954, in Floyd County, Ky., and he survives.

Mrs. Sexton

She had been employed in the past at the Redwood Drive-In, Puritan Ice Cream and as a cook at the Lutheran Home on Mitchell Street in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Kendallville. She loved gardening, canning and cooking. She spent her time reading the Bible, enjoying southern gospel and bluegrass music and going fishing.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and Jim Montel and Char and Ben Childers, all of Kendallville; four sons and daughters-in-law, Carl Jr. and Judy Sexton and Tim and Beth Sexton, all of Kendallville, Lee and Norena Sexton of Fort Wayne and Greg and Nancy Sexton of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and their spouses, Chad and Aileen Sexton, Jeremy and Holly Sexton, Jeremiah Montel, Brandy Montel, David Sterling, Ashley Sterling, Marc Martinez, Lindsay Sexton, Greg Sexton Jr. and Carlynn Sexton; four great-grandchildren, Michael, Abbigail and Jordyn Sexton and a recent newborn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold and Vickie Thornsbury of Wallingford, Ky. and Earl Lloyd and Brenda Thornsbury of Watterford, Mich.; six sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ulabon Acree and Bonnie Ratliff, both of Eastern, Ky., Alavon and Marvin Gibson of Wayland, Ky., Minnie and William Bays and Sue M. Milligan, all of Prestonburg, Ky. and Herma Keaton of Vanceburg, Ky.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Paula Sexton, on April 18, 2006; and her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Robert Monroe officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Condolences can be left online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Donald Wingstrom

WOLCOTTVILLE — Donald Eric Wingstrom, 87, of Wolcottville died Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Wingstrom was born July 12, 1919, in Chicago to Eric and Mabel (Gorr) Wingstrom. He was the former administrator of the LaPorte County Health Department, a capacity he served in for 18 years. He moved to Dallas Lake in LaGrange County 20 years ago.

He was married to Pearl Strieter on April 2, 1941, in Chicago. She survives.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in World War II. He was awarded three Bronze Stars, and served in both the African and European theaters.

He was a member of the Indiana Environmental Health Association, National Environmental Health Association and Indiana Public Health Association. He was a past president of the LaPorte County EMS (1973-80), Indiana Association of Sanitarians, Northwest Chapter, and the 5 Lakes Association. He belonged to LaGrange American Legion Post No. 215 and Pine Lake Yacht Club. He was a former member of St. John's Lutheran Church in LaPorte and a current member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church. He was the current president of the Dallas Bay Homeowners Association.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Marilyn Wingstrom and Greg and Pam Wingstrom, all of Wolcottville; a sister, Virginia Wingstrom of Show Low, Ariz.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Schonbery.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Mount Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange, with the Rev. James Simpson officiating. Calling will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Mount Zion Lutheran Church or Acres Inc., 1802 Chapman Road, Huntertown IN 46748.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is handling arrangements.

Condolences can be left online at www.furipmayfuneralhome.com.

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Child, 7, dies in possible drowning

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ROUND LAKE — A 7-year-old Kendallville boy died Friday in what was likely a drowning.

Indiana Conservation Officer Rodney D. Clear identified the child as Michael W. Kimmel. The incident occurred at about 2:45 p.m.

The boy was found floating in approximately 10 feet of water about 20 feet from shore in Round Lake in the 1500 block of Brookview in Kendallville.

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"He was located by his father, William L. Kimmel of Kendallville," Clear said. "The victim was taken to shore by family members where CPR was performed by them, as well as (members of the) Kendallville Fire Department."

The child was taken to Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville by Noble County Emergency Medical Service. He was pronounced dead at 3:58 p.m.

Clear said the boy had been swimming with a float toy in the lake earlier in the day with his father. The pair had gone back up to a house on the lake, and the boy was found after he had been missing for about 20 minutes.

"The victim was a non-swimmer and was not wearing a life jacket," Clear said.

An autopsy will be performed by the Noble County coroner. That autopsy will determine an official cause of death, Clear said.

Also assisting at the scene were Indiana Conservation Officer Patrick Heidenreich and representatives from the Noble County Sheriff's Department and the Kendallville Police Department.

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‘She was like sunshine’

Vicky Zimmerman loved all people

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Nancy Thain remembers very clearly the night her younger sister, Vicky, was born.

“She was born at home, and she came before the doctor did,” Thain said with a smile. “She had hair so blonde, it was almost white.”

Vicky, the third of four children, was born with Down’s syndrome. But that didn’t stop her from having an adventurous spirit.

“She fell down a well pit and got lost in a wheat field,” Thain said. “She was just always full of life and ready to go.”

Vicky Zimmerman died July 25 at the age of 58. Her health and memory had been failing for a few years. She would have been 59 in September, and Nancy said although that’s a long life by Down’s syndrome standards, she wishes more than anything that her sister had had more years.

“She was like sunshine,” Thain said. “She was so happy and so full of love. We miss her very much.”

Vicky was one of the first people to work at the Steuben County Sheltered Workshop, which later became RISE. She worked there for 37 years.

“She was a blonde, flirty, fun-loving girl,” said Phyllis Senters, adult day activities coordinator at RISE.

Senters gave a eulogy at Vicky’s funeral, and Thain said she couldn’t have asked for a more beautiful tribute to her sister.

“If you didn’t know Vicky before Phyllis started talking, you sure would have felt like you knew her when she was done,” Thain said.

Vicky Zimmerman

When she first met Vicky, Senters said, she was a “typical young girl.” She and the other young women at RISE would have sleepovers, “where they would stay up all night having fun and talking about crazy things,” Senters said. She said Vicky often would recall those sleepovers.

Thain said Vicky always wanted to be dancing, and that she wanted others to join her.

“When they had the parties at RISE, she wanted everyone to get up and dance like she did,” she said.

Like Thain, Senters said she will always remember Vicky as a girl who loved to cut a rug.

“She just loved to dance,” she said. “You’d put on any kind of music with any kind of beat, and she was up and dancing.”

Vicky was a good worker,

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but sometimes had to be reminded of what she was supposed to be doing.

"She worked hard, but her primary focus was on having fun," Senters said with a smile in her voice.

Senters said in her estimation, Vicky didn't just love people — she adored them.

"She felt compelled, I think, to greet everyone she saw with a big smile and a laugh of sheer joy," she said.

Thain said whenever anyone came to her house, Vicky treated them "like a long-lost friend she'd been waiting for forever."

"She'd be at the door, and she'd say, 'Oh, hi! How are you? I've missed you so much!,' She truly was a people lover. She wanted to be friends with everyone, and I think she was."

Vicky was a sensitive person and would comfort those who needed it.

"When someone was crying, she was always the first one to put her arm around them, ask what was wrong and see if there was anything she could do," Senters said.

Senters said Vicky eventually started coming to work at RISE more and more sporadically, and for about the past three years hadn't been able to come at all.

"It was a real struggle at the end to help her remember to come," Senters said.

For most of her life, Vicky lived with her mother and father, Donald and Margaret. Donald died in 1997, and Vicky and her mother stayed together in the same house until three years ago, when they both moved in with Nancy.

> *"She felt compelled, I think, to greet everyone she saw with a big smile and a laugh of sheer joy."*
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> **Phyllis Senters**
> RISE adult day activities coordinator

"I lived right next to them, so they didn't have to go far," Thain said.

Vicky's passing has been very hard on her mother.

"She's having a rough time," Thain said. "She misses Vicky very much."

Thain said those who didn't know her sister missed out.

"I wish more people could have known her," she said, her voice shaking with tears. "She was so special, and not just because she was my sister."

Thain said she will always remember the smile on her sister's face and the sparkle in her eyes.

"She had a good life, she really did," she said. "I'm just sad she didn't have longer. I keep thinking I hear her here. I am never going to stop missing her."

Leonard Lopes Jr.

MIDDLEBURY — Leonard Lopes Jr., 63, of Middlebury died at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, 2006.

Mr. Lopes was born July 11, 1943, in Rock Falls, Mass.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Carney Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Thomas Melchi

FREMONT — Thomas Melchi, 57, of Fremont died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Melchi

Survivors include his wife, Deb Melchi of Fremont.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

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Michael Kimmel

KENDALLVILLE — Michael William “Mikey” Kimmel, 7, died in an accidental drowning on Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, in Kendallville.

Mikey was profoundly deaf and fluent in sign language. He loved to play basketball and play on his computer. He attended Avilla Elementary School and South Side Elementary School.

Michael Kimmel

He was born in Westfield, N.Y., on June 22, 1999, to William Lehner Kimmel and Tammy Lynn (Nary) Kimmel.

Surviving are his father, William Kimmel of Kendallville; his mother, Tammy Kimmel of Jamestown, N.Y.; three sisters, Kaleigha and Shawna Kimmel of Jamestown and Samatha Kimmel of Kendallville; two brothers, Jason and Christopher Kimmel of Jamestown; his maternal grandparents, the Rev. John Nary and Judy Nary of Jamestown and a great aunt and uncle, Becky (Muesing) and Bud Delp of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, William and Lois Kimmel, and paternal great grandparents, Mildred Kimmel-Herrick and Linus Kimmel.

A celebration of life service will take place later next week on Round Lake at the residence of Bud and Becky Delp, 1508 Brookview Blvd., Kendallville. The Rev Paul B. Griebel will officiate.

HIte Funeral Home in Avilla is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Pearl Bork

ANGOLA — Pearl M. Bork, 90, died Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, at Northern Lakes Healthcare & Rehabilitation in Angola.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was an assembler for Bowmar Industries, retiring in 1981. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Orville L. and Jeanne Bork Jr. of Fremont and Terry L. Bork of Roanoke; a daughter, Beverly Klejnot of Fort Wayne; a sister, Elsie L. Gomez of Brownsville, Texas; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Josephine Burnworth; a son-in-law, Chester Klejnot; a son, Richard Bork; a brother, Wayne E. Burnworth; a sister, Rosella A. Schiefferstein; and a daughter-in-law, Janet.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Calvary United Methodist Church, 6301 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Scott Cramer officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling is from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to the services at the church.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church.

Lela Ludy

ANGOLA — Lela Maxine Ludy, 90, of Angola died Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, at her home.

She enjoyed cooking, gardening, playing Scrabble, crossword puzzles, playing cards and watching “Jeopardy.” She attended Community Church of the Nazarene. She was a member of the Steuben County Democratic Breakfast Club.

Mrs. Ludy was born Jan. 15, 1916, in Wilshire, Ohio, to Cornelius and Mary Ellen (Butler) McGough.

She married Elmer “Pat” Ludy on May 18, 1940, in Decatur. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are six children, Richard Keller of Van Wert, Ohio, Donald Keller of Berne, Janet Fleming of Devils Lake, N.D., Tom Ludy of Waterloo, Judie Grogg of Delphos, Ohio, and John Ludy of Fremont; two sisters, Eileen Betz of Bluffton and Vera Betters of Crown Point; 25 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in dead by one grandson, two great-grandchildren, her parents, one brother and three sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Graveside committal services will be at 2 p.m. at Backesto Cemetery in Berne. Burial will be in Backesto Cemetery.

Calling will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the League of the Blind (Living Books), Carnegie Library of Angola or Campus Crusade.

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Jane Clark

ROME CITY — Jane Elizabeth (Franks) Clark, 88, of Rome City died at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at the home of her sister in South Bend, Indiana following an extended illness.

Mrs. Clark was born July 26, 1918, to Frank W. and Veda (Lindsay) Franks at Wawaka.

She graduated from Wawaka High School at Wawaka and from International Business College in Fort Wayne. During her career, she held secretarial positions with Bonsib Advertising Agency and Myers and McCarthy Menswear in Fort Wayne, the Indiana State Police at the Ligonier Post and the Town of Rome City.

Mrs. Clark was a member of the Wawaka United Methodist Church, where she had been secretary of the administrative board and a member of its Women's Society for many years. She was also a member of the Yarley Club and the Rome City senior citizens group.

On Dec. 28, 1952, she married Steven Clark. He preceded her in death Sept. 26, 1974.

Surviving are three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mildred Franks Gard of North Webster, Mary Franks Berkes and Howard Berkes, of Berne and Ann Franks Connors and Donald Connors, of South Bend; one brother, William Thomas Franks of Wawaka; several nieces and nephews; a stepson, Capt. Steven Clark, and his wife, Joan, of Flower Mound, Texas; two stepgrandsons and their wives, and five step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Mrs. Clark was preceded in death by two sisters, Thora Franks Cotner and Coy Franks Keefer, and a special friend, Tom Asher.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier. Officiating will be the Rev. Jim Robbins, pastor of the Wawaka United Methodist Church. The Rev. Steve Cox, youth pastor of Ligonier Evangelical Church, will assist. Interment will be at Eel River Cemetery, Carroll Road, Churubusco.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637, or the Wawaka United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 66, Wawaka, IN 46794.

Timothy Kiester

ALBION — Timothy Jerry Kiester, 27, of Albion died Friday, Aug. 4, 2006.

Mr. Kiester received a heart transplant on April 24, 2006. He had a recent illness and died at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kiester

He was a graduate of Cornerstone Christian School with the class of 1997 and had attended Tri Lakes Baptist Church. He was employed at Kiester Construction Co. for seven years. He had lived all his life in the Noble County area, especially Wolf Lake.

He was known as a fun-loving guy who loved life.

Mr. Kiester was born March 29, 1978, in Columbia City to Jerry and Maudie Kiester. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Tonia and Craig Smith; and several aunts and uncles. He also leaves behind many dear friends.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam with Pastor Robert Siegrist and Pastor George Cecil officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

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Mary Knox

WAWAKA — Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Knox, 64, died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at her home near Wawaka.

Mrs. Knox

Mrs. Knox was a homemaker and at one time had been employed for 13 years at Taylor Made in Kendallville. She has been the receptionist at her daughter's beauty salon, First Impressions Salon, in Kendallville.

She was a member of Dorcas Circle at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and had volunteered many hours with McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Knox loved reading, sewing, cooking, crocheting, surfing the Internet on her computer and floral and vegetable gardening. She had taught herself to knit.

She was a 1958 graduate of Knott County Central High School.

She was born July 10, 1942, in Hindman, Ky., to Alton B.P. and Nancy (Cornett) Everage. She married Arnold Ray Knox on July 8, 1961, in Ottawa, Mich. He just recently preceded her in death on July 25.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Deborah Knox of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Tawnya and Carson Strouse of Wawaka; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Annagay and Martin Ragland of Clarksville, Tenn., and Martha Louise and Roy Downing of Fayetteville, N.C.; and six grandchildren, Travis Bailey of Crystal Lake, Ill., Travis James Knox of Kendallville, and Danielle Knox, Skyler Strouse, Nathan Terry and Taylar Knox, all of Wawaka.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Tawana Knox-Goings on Nov. 15, 2002; four brothers, John Everage, George Everage, Lawrence Everage and Cecil Everage; and two sisters, Altamae Crager and Virginia Collins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating.

Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion. Pallbearers will be Tim Knox, Carson Strouse, Skyler Strouse, Nathan Terry, Travis James Knox, Travis Bailey, Cary Snyder and Steve Shull. Honorary pallbearers will be Taylar Knox and Danielle Knox.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Marcie Schaftner

PLEASANT LAKE — Marcie J. Schaftner, 58, of Pleasant Lake died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at home.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide calling times.*

Lela Ludy

ANGOLA — Lela Maxine Ludy, 90, of Angola died Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, at her home.

She enjoyed cooking, gardening, playing Scrabble, crossword puzzles, playing cards and watching "Jeopardy." She attended Community Church of the Nazarene. She was a member of the Steuben County Democratic Breakfast Club.

Mrs. Ludy was born Jan. 15, 1916, in Wilshire, Ohio, to Cornelius and Mary Ellen (Butler) McGough.

She married Elmer "Pat" Ludy on May 18, 1940, in Decatur. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are six children, Richard Keller of Van Wert, Ohio, Donald Keller of Berne, Janet Fleming of Devils Lake, N.D., Tom Ludy of Waterloo, Judie Grogg of Delphos, Ohio, and John Ludy of Fremont; two sisters, Eileen Betz of Bluffton and Vera Betters of Crown Point; 25 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in dead by one grandson, two great-grandchildren, her parents, one brother and three sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Randy Marshall officiating. Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m.

Graveside committal services will be at 2 p.m. at Backesto Cemetery in Berne. Burial will be in Backesto Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the League of the Blind (Living Books), Carnegie Library of Angola or Campus Crusade.

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Judith Fields

GARRETT — Judith Ann (Muzzillo) Fields, 57, of Garrett, died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at 3:50 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fields was a factory worker at Creek Chub Bait Co. and Magnavox Corp. in Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born March 9, 1949, in Garrett to John and Caroline (Falcone) Muzzillo. Her parents preceded her in death.

On Dec. 20, 1966, she married Herbert Ray Fields in Avilla. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Maeann C. and Neal C. Parker and Andrea D. Nodine, all of Garrett; a nephew and godson, Jeremy Michael Lung of Garrett; a sister and brother-in-law, Angela K. and Harry Lung of Garrett; three granddaughters, Kristine Kierston Nodine, Taylor Marie Nodine and Caroline Beverly Parker, all of Garrett; and a grandson, Neal Curtis Parker Jr. of Garrett.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St.Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett, with Father Dan Durkin officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett.

Thomas Melchi Sr.

FREMONT — Thomas L. "Big T" Melchi Sr., 57, of Fremont died Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at home.

Mr. Melchi

Mr. Melchi was born Feb. 7, 1949, in Angola to Jesse and Mary Jane (Thrush) Melchi. He married Deborah K. Birchfield on July 10, 1970, at the Jamestown Community Church in Fremont. She survives.

He was a meat cutter for 41 years. He worked at the family business, Melchi's Family Meat Market in Jamestown Township, for eight years, for 21 years at Gay's Markets in Angola and Fremont and at the Orland Town Market for nine years.

He was a 1967 Fremont High School graduate. He enjoyed playing fast- and slow-pitch softball for many years. He also enjoyed fishing, racoon hunting and golf.

He lived at Lake George and Jamestown Township his entire lifetime. He was an umpire for the little league and slow- and fast-pitch softball. He was an avid hockey and baseball fan, particularly of the Fort Wayne Komets and Wizards, for whom he was a longtime season ticket holder.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas L. Jr. and Lori Melchi and William N. Melchi and his fiancee, Jen Daglow, all of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennie F. and Craig Skeens of Fremont; nine grandchildren, Jordan and Brianna Torrez, Griffin Melchi, Owen and Emma Melchi and Alexis, Alison, Kassidy and Noah Skeens; two brothers, Doug Wilbur of Florida and Jerry Melchi of Fort Wayne; six sisters, Karma Dolson and Judy Miller, both of Coldwater, Mich., Ginny DuBois of Hillsdale, Mich., Joan Brown and Shirley Graham, both of Orland and Berdina Day of Fremont; two sisters-in-law, Karen Birchfield and Dawn Book; a brother-in-law, David Birchfield; and a special friend, Dave Walter of Metz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Janet Brown; and a brother-in-law, William Birchfield.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Faith Baptist Church, Angola, with the Rev. J. Arnold Fair officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Jamestown Church or Faith Baptist Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

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Betty Cornewell

FORT WAYNE — Betty Jane Cornewell, 82, died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at the Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She worked as a press operator at Fabricon and Sheller Globe of Grabill. She also was employed as a florist at Crossroads Floral in Fort Wayne, until she retired and moved to South Carolina to live with her daughter for seven years.

She was born Aug. 4, 1924, in Sturgis, Mich., to Alva and Serina Jane (Wheeler) Reed.

She moved to Fort Wayne and married Chester E. Cornewell on Aug. 20, 1949. He survives

Also surviving are three daughters, Dixie L. Uhrick of Leo, Catherine L. Howard of Fort Wayne and Annette L. Egli of Chester, S.C.; three sons, Larry W. Reed of Butler, Gary L. Cornewell of Avilla and Jerry D. Cornewell of Crawfordsville; 24 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four sisters, Florence L. McHenry, Violet VanWald, Pansy Gilbo and Bertha Ray; and two brothers, Harley Lemmon and Robert Reed.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, with the Rev. David Taylor officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, P.O. Box 165, Spencerville, IN 46788.

Michael Kimmel

KENDALLVILLE — A celebration of life service for Michael William "Mikey" Kimmel, 7, of Kendallville will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the home of Bud and Becky Delp, 1508 Brookview Blvd., Round Lake.

The Rev Paul B. Griebel will officiate.

He was born in Westfield, N.Y., on June 22, 1999, to William Lehner Kimmel and Tammy Lynn (Nary) Kimmel. His father survives in Kendallville and his mother survives in Jamestown, N.Y.

Memorials are to William Kimmel.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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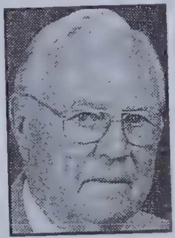
Orville Heise

GARRETT — Orville L. Heise, 88, formerly of Garrett died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.


Mr. Heise

Born in Gormley, Ontario, Canada, he was a farmer and worked for Dana Corp. for 12 years. He was a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret Heise of Garrett; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Jean and Robert Strawser of Auburn, Barbara and Carl Lewis of Auburn, Joan Heise of Fort Wayne, Dorothy and Mitchell Barse of Auburn and Debbie and Lindon Robertson of Bethel, Conn.; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Arthur Heise of Canada and Carl Heise of California; and two sisters, Luella Lofthouse and Marjorie Heise, both of Canada.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ida Heise; and three brothers, Edgar, Milton and Paul Heise.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main St., Auburn. The Rev. Dan White will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene Building Fund or the Shepherd of the Hill east wing improvements.

Paul Day

SNOW LAKE — Paul E. Day, 78, of Snow Lake died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Day was retired from the Toledo Fire Department in Toledo, Ohio, where he had been the deputy chief.

He graduated from Jesup W. Scott High School in 1946. He loved to travel and had friends in Germany, France and England. He was a coin collector.

He followed in his father's footsteps, joining the Toledo Fire Department in 1954. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1964, captain in 1969, district chief in 1975 and was named deputy fire chief in 1981. He was in charge of the fire garage as a captain and was named the first captain of Fire Station 4 on Hill Avenue. He received a commendation for his administrative abilities in opening Station 4 and making it a successful working unit.

He retired in 1982.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Joyce M. (Kruger) Day; two sons, Michael D. Day and Patrick W. Day; a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Kirk Crawford; a sister, June Keller; two grandchildren, Rebecca Jensen and Scott Crawford; and a niece, Kathleen Kobayashi.

Last alarm services will be conducted by members of the Toledo Fire Department Retirees at 7 p.m. today at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, Toledo.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Condolences can be left online at the Web site www.toledoblade.com.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Mabel Schortgen

BUTLER — Mabel A. Schortgen, 86, formerly of Waterloo died Monday, July 31, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Schortgen was born Oct. 27, 1919, in Henry County, Ohio, to William and Margaret (Bunk) Tietje. She was married to Albert Schortgen, who preceded her in death on Dec. 18, 1989.

She worked as a laborer for a manufacturing company. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

Surviving are three nieces, Joan Altman of Liberty Center, Ohio, Suzette Miller of Napoleon, Ohio, and Jackie Badenhop of Deshler, Ohio; two nephews, Richard Tietje of Holgate, Ohio, and Robert Tietje of Hamler, Ohio; and a great-nephew, Les Tietje.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, George Leo and Edwin John Tietje; and a nephew, Ronald Eugene Tietje.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo, with the Rev. David Carkenord officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family in care of Jackie Badenhop, 416 N. Lind St., Deshler, OH 43516.

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Ronald Baker Sr.

BUTLER — Ronald E. Baker Sr., 63, of Butler died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Baker served in the U.S. army and retired from Warner Gear/Auburn Gear. He was an avid motorcyclist and a former Butler Police Reserve officer. He was a member of the Butler Eagles and the Butler post of the American Legion.

He was born Dec. 15, 1942, in Butler to Earl and Betty (Stebing) Baker. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Chris Baker of Butler; a sister and brother-in-law, Jeanne and Robert Jensen of Butler; and two grandchildren, Cody and Samantha Baker of Butler.

Services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home of Butler. Pastor Jim Glasscock will officiate. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Police Reserve.

Condolences may be sent at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Glenn Sparkman

ROME CITY — Glenn Sparkman, 41, of Rome City died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Sparkman

Mr. Sparkman was a lifetime area resident and had attended East Noble High School in Kendallville.

He had worked at Supreme in Goshen and did auto body work and painting.

Mr. Sparkman loved NASCAR, working on cars, fishing and playing cards.

He was born Dec. 30, 1964, in Kendallville to Manis and Beverly (Short) Sparkman. They survive in Rome City.

Also surviving are three daughters, Heather Nicole Sparkman, Carrie Ann Sparkman and Amanda Lynn Sparkman, all of Wolcottville; two sons, Justin Glenn Sparkman of Emmalina, Ky., and Ethan Hayes of Hindman, Ky.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sharon Kay and Billy David Smith of Rome City and Carol Anne and Thomas Clark Whitehead of Larwill; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Robert Lee Sparkman of Lexington, Ky., Thomas and Cynthia Sparkman of Wolcottville and Christopher and Natasha Sparkman of Kendallville; his grandmother, Sally Short of Rome City; and 16 nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, John Wess Short; paternal grandparents, Lacey and Lawnie Sparkman, an aunt, Imogene Marshall; and an uncle, Minis Sparkman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Earl Rose officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be Tom Sparkman, Chris Sparkman, Billy Smith, Chuck Short, Donnie Taylor and T.J. Sparkman.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today at the church with a celebration of life service at 7 p.m. today and from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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Orville Rolston

LONDON, Ontario, Canada — Orville "Al" Rolston, 71, died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at his home in London, Ontario, Canada.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Orville Rolston Jr. and his wife, Melody, of Auburn and Gerald Rolston of Arcola; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Donna Rolston of Kilworth, Ontario, Canada; two grandaughters and their husbands, Bettina and Brad Pepple of Corunna and Kembra and Steven Schneider of Fort Wayne; and several nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

Service were today at 1 p.m. at A. Millard George Funeral Home, London, Ontario, Canada.

Memorials are to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 617 Wellington St., London ON N6A 3R6.

Condolences may be left on the funeral home Web site, www.amgeorgefh.on.ca.

Richard Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Richard E. Becker, 62, of Ethel, W. Va., died Friday, July 21, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Becker

Mr. Becker was a native of Kendallville.

He entered the U.S. Army at age 17 and served for two tours of duty in Vietnam, receiving many honors including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Mr. Becker was a life member of American Legion Post 19 in Logan, W.Va., where he was an active fundraiser. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4523, Disabled American Veterans of West Virginia No. 3, Vietnam Veteran of America 308 and the National Rifle Association.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born Jan. 19, 1944, in Kendallville to Ralph C. and Mirian A. (Warble) Becker. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Katherine and Hugh Mullen, Victoria Becker and Linda and Fred McWhinney, all of Kendallville, Janice and James Tuttle of Auburn, and Miriam Louise Coil and Rozanne Becker, both of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph Jr. and Sandy Becker of Fort Collins, Colo.; an additional brother-in-law, Allan Simon of Avilla; an uncle, Kenton Becker of Angola; and aunt, Leona Becker of Hudson; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Marjorie Ryder and Nancy Simon.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating.

Calling will be from 2-3 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 19 in Logan, W.Va., Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville or the Noble County Humane Society.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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August 9, 2006, Wednesday

Marcella Schaftner

PLEASANT LAKE — Marcella J. "Marcie" Schaftner, 58, of Pleasant Lake died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at her home following an illness.

Mrs. Schaftner

Mrs. Schaftner was born Aug. 31, 1947, in Point Pleasant, Mo., to Charles V. and Ruby M. (Smith) Jolly. She was married for 31 years to Bernard C. "Ben" Schaftner. He preceded her in death on April 28, 2005.

She was employed by Meijer in Angola for five years, where she was a systems monitor.

Surviving are her mother in Angola; a stepson, John William Schaftner of Sneadsferry, N.C.; two brothers, Roy S. Jolly of Pleasant Lake and Johnathan Ward Jolly of Angola; and a grandson, Lincoln Anthony William Schaftner of Ames, Iowa.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Roger Dale Jolly.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Aug. 19 at Mount Zion Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice or the Regional Cancer Care Center, both in Angola.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences can be left online at the Web site www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Charles Stayner

ANGOLA — Charles Edward Stayner, 98, of Angola died Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mr. Stayner was born April 4, 1908, in Jackson Township, Steuben County to Edward and Louise (Hastings) Stayner. He married Edna Studeman on June 19, 1948. She preceded him in death in 1999.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a farmer and a truck driver for Expressway Trucking.

He was a member of the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church and a former member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Surviving are a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Carol and Melvin Budd of Angola; a brother, Lawrence Stayner of Woodburn; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Lewis, Jesse and Albert Stayner; and two sisters, Hazel Hawkins and Louise Stayner.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. David Doane officiating. Graveside services and burial will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Sturgis, Mich.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola.

Eric Scott

KENDALLVILLE — Eric Scott, 42, of Kendallville died at 4:55 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006, at his Cree Lake home following a battle with esophageal cancer since February.

Mr. Scott had owned Scott Insurance Agency in Kendallville for more than 20 years.

Among his survivors is his father, Noble County Councilman Robert Scott, formerly of Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

THE NEWS SUN
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Martha Ott

ALBION — Martha M. Ott, 90, of Albion died at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Ott was a lifetime area resident.

She had been a bookkeeper and had volunteered with the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Ott had been very active in the Catholic churches in Albion and Columbia City.

She was born Aug. 16, 1915, in Noble Township, Noble County, to Patrick and Sarah Jane (Latimer) Mangan.

Surviving are a son, Raymond Ott of Albion; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jane and Dennis McClellan of Rome City and Mary Applegate of Albion; four grandchildren, Shawn Applegate, Amber McClellan, Quartz McClellan and Berell McClellan; and three great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Zach and Cody Applegate.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Francis and John Mangan, and a sister, Mary Mangan.

There are no services or calling.

Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Louis Kline

ROME CITY — Louis E. Kline, 86, of Rome City died Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of New Haven, Mr. Kline had retired from the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1970 after 30 years of service.

He was a member of St. Gasper Catholic Church, Rome City, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles 3164, New Haven.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Janet Kline and Steve and Elaine Kline, all of New Haven, and Howard and Patricia Kline of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Ron Pelz of Hamilton; five brothers, Amos, Orville, Paul, Maurice and James Kline, all of New Haven; four sisters, Eileen Sarrazine, Mildred Beckman and Alma Gevers, all of Fort Wayne, and Nona Geels of Decatur; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, 15535 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven. A dinner will follow at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 11508 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

E. Harper and Son Funeral Home, New Haven, is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Kendallville boy drowns

KENDALLVILLE — A Kendallville boy was pronounced dead at Parkview Noble Hospital Friday afternoon after being found floating in about 10 feet of water in an area lake.

Seven-year-old Michael W. Kimmel of Kendallville was found floating approximately 10 feet under water and about 20 feet from shore at Round Lake near 1508 Brookview, Kendallville at about 2:45 p.m. He was located by his father, William L. Kimmel.

The victim was taken to shore by family members where CPR was performed by them as well as the Kendallville Fire Department. He was then transported by Noble county EMS to Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where he was pronounced dead at 3:58 p.m.

The boy had been swimming with a float toy on the lake earlier with his father, and then the two had gone back to the residence. He was then discovered floating in the lake after he had been missing for approximately twenty minutes. He was a non-swimmer and was not wearing a life jacket.

According to Indiana Conservation Officer Patrick Heidenreich, who is investigating the drowning, an autopsy was conducted to determine the exact cause of death.

Assisting at the scene were the Noble County Sheriff's Department and the Kendallville Police Department.

Timothy Jerry Keister, 27

ALBION — Timothy Jerry Kiester, 27, of Albion died Friday, Aug. 4, 2006.

Mr. Kiester received a heart transplant on April 24, 2006. He had a recent illness and died at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a graduate of Cornerstone Christian School with the class of 1997 and had attended Tri Lakes Baptist Church. He was employed at Kiester Construction Co. for seven years. He had lived all his life in the Noble County area, especially Wolf Lake.

He was known as a fun-loving guy who loved life.

Mr. Kiester was born March 29, 1978, in Columbia City to Jerry and Maudie Kiester. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Tonia and Craig Smith and several aunts and uncles. He also leaves behind many dear friends.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam with Pastor Robert Siegrist and Pastor George Cecil officiating. Burial will be in the Christian Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling was Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 9, 2006, Wednesday

Richard E. Becker, 62

KENDALLVILLE - Richard E. Becker, 62, of Ethel, W. Va., died Friday, July 21, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Becker was a native of Kendallville.

He entered the U.S. Army at age 17 and served for two tours of duty in Vietnam, receiving many honors including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Mr. Becker was a life member of American Legion Post 19 in Logan, W.Va., where he was an active fundraiser. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4523, Disabled American Veterans of West Virginia No. 3, Vietnam Veteran of America 308 and the National Rifle Association.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born Jan. 19, 1944, in Kendallville to Ralph C. and Mirian A. (Warble) Becker. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are six sisters and three brothers-in-law, Katherine and Hugh Mullen, Victoria Becker and Linda and Fred McWhinney, all of Kendallville, Janice and James Tuttle of Auburn, and Miriam Louise Coil and Rozanne Becker, both of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph Jr. and Sandy Becker of Fort Collins, Colo.; an additional brother-in-law, Allan Simon of Avilla; an uncle, Kenton Becker of Angola; and aunt, Leona Becker of Hudson; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Marjorie Ryder and Nancy Simon.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating.

Calling will be from 2-3 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 19 in Logan, W.Va., Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville or the Noble County Humane Society.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Connie Sue Munk, 56

WOLF LAKE — Connie Sue Munk, 56 formerly of Wolf Lake and currently residing with her family in Noblesville, IN passed away suddenly Friday, August 4, 2006 at 7:59 a.m. in the Emergency Room of Riverside Hospital, Noblesville, IN. She was born on September 30, 1949 in Wolf Lake, IN to James W and Norma Jean (Stangland) Munk.

She graduated from Wolf Lake High School with the Class of 1967 and received an Associate Degree in nursing from Purdue University. She has spent her entire life in the Wolf Lake area until moving to Noblesville, IN in 2004. She served in the United States Army and worked as a registed nurse for 30 years. Her memberships include the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, Wolf Lake.

She is survived by a daughter, Kristy Mitchell, Noblesville, IN; two grandchildren, Tori and Tyler Mitchell, Noblesville, IN; mother, Norma Jean Munk, Albion, IN; and two brothers, Marlo "Bud" (Nancy) Munk and Phil Munk both of Albion, IN. She was preceded in death by her father, James W. Munk and her long-time companion, Kevin Putt.

Funeral services were on Monday at the DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home with Pastor Wray McCallester of the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church officated. Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, Noble County, IN.

Memorial gifts may be given in Ms. Munk's memory to the family in care of DeMoney-Grimes. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

To send condolences to the family, sign the guest register or to light a memorial candle in Ms. Munk's memory, please visit www.demoneygrimes.com

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Mary Elizabeth Knox, 64

WAWAKA - Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Knox, 64, died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at her home near Wawaka.

Mrs. Knox was a homemaker and at one time had been employed for 13 years at Taylor Made in Kendallville. She has been the receptionist at her daughter's beauty salon, First Impressions Salon, in Kendallville.

She was a member of Dorcas Circle at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and had volunteered many hours with McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Knox loved reading, sewing, cooking, crocheting, surfing the Internet on her computer and floral and vegetable gardening. She had taught herself to knit.

She was a 1958 graduate of Knott County Central High School.

She was born July 10, 1942, in Hindman, Ky., to Alton B.P. and Nancy (Cornett) Everage. She married Arnold Ray Knox on July 8, 1961, in Ottawa, Mich. He just recently preceded her in death on July 25.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Deborah Knox of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Tawnya and Carson Strouse of Wawaka; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Annagay and Martin Ragland of Clarksville, Tenn., and Martha Louise and Roy Downing of Fayetteville, N.C.; and six grandchildren, Travis Bailey of Crystal Lake, Ill., Travis James Knox of Kendallville, and Danielle Knox, Skyler Strouse, Nathan Terry and Taylar Knox, all of Wawaka.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Tawana Knox-Goings on Nov. 15, 2002; four brothers, John Everage, George Everage, Lawrence Everage and Cecil Everage; and two sisters, Altamae Crager and Virginia Collins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating.

Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion. Pallbearers will be Tim Knox, Carson Strouse, Skyler Strouse, Nathan Terry, Travis James Knox, Travis Bailey, Cary Snyder and Steve Shull. Honorary pallbearers will be Taylar Knox and Danielle Knox.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Martha M. Ott, 90

ALBION — Martha M. Ott, 90, a life long resident of Noble County, passed away at her home in Albion, Tuesday, August 8, 2006.

She was born in Noble Township in Noble County to Patrick and Sarah Jane (Latimer) Mangan on August 16, 1915. Both parents are deceased.

Martha was a very active member in the Catholic Church in Albion and Columbia City.

She was a bookkeeper and volunteer with the American Red Cross.

Surviving children, a son, Raymond Ott of Albion; two daughters and a son-in-law, Jane (Dennis) McClellan of Rome City and Mary Applegate of Albion; four grandchildren, Shawn Applegate, Amber McClellan, Quartz McClellan and Berell McClellan; three great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Zach and Cody Applegate.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, Francis and John Mangan and a sister Mary Mangan.

Brazzell Funeral Home Albion is in charge of the arrangements. There will be no services or calling. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Jane Clark, 88

ROME CITY — Jane Elizabeth (Franks) Clark, 88, of Rome City, Indiana, died at 5:30 a.m. on Satruday, August 5, 2006 at the home of her sister in South Bend, Indiana following an extended illness.

Mrs. Clark was born July 26, 1918 to Frank W. and Veda (Lindsay) Franks at Wawaka, Indiana. She graduated from Wawaka High School at Wawaka and from International Business College in Fort Wayne. During her career, she held secretarial positions with Bonsib Advertising Agency and Myers and McCarthy Menswear in Fort Wayne, the Indiana State Police - Ligonier Post, and the Town of Rome City.

Mrs. Clark was a member of the Wawaka United Methodist Church where she had been secretary of the Administrative Board and a member of its Women's Society for many years. She was also a member of the Yarley Club and the Rome City senior citizens group.

On December 28, 1952, she married Steven Clark. He preceded her in death September 26, 1974.

Surviving are three sisters and one brother: Mildred Franks Gard of North Webster; Mary Franks Berkes and her husband, Howard, of Berne; Ann Franks Connors and her husband, Donald, of South Bend; and William Thomas Franks of Wawaka. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Other survivors include a stepson, Captain Steven Clark and his wife, Joan, of Flower Mound, Texas; two step-grandsons and their wives, and five step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Mrs. Clark was preceded in death by two sisters, Thora Franks Cotner and Coy Franks Keefer, and a special friend, Tom Asher.

Services were Tuesday, August 8 at J. A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Ligonier, Indiana. Officiating was the Rev. Jim Robbins, pastor of the Wawaka United Methodist Church Rev. Steve Cox, youth pastor of Ligonier Evangelical Church assisted.

Internment was at Eel River Cemetery, Carroll Road, Churubusco, Indiana.

Preferred memorials are to Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, Indiana 46637, or the Wawaka United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 66, Wawaka, Indiana 4679

THE NEWS SUN
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August 10, 2006, Thursday

William Bohde

KENDALLVILLE — William F. Bohde, 88, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at his home with his family by his side.

Mr. Bohde

Mr. Bohde was a lifetime farmer and for many years a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He will be remembered as a kind and gentle man who enjoyed life, especially when he was outside on his farm, fishing on his pond or spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bohde was born March 5, 1918, in St. Joseph Township at Fort Wayne to William J. and Marie (Rebber) Bohde. He married Edna Doris Ehle on Feb. 14, 1941, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and the Rev. Lloyd Sprick of Holyrood, Kan., and Janet and Bill Sibert and Mary and Bill Blaskie, all of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Peggy Bohde of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, Worship for Shut-ins or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

James Lucy

MONTICELLO — James P. "Jim" Lucy, 77, of Monticello died at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Hospital.

Mr. Lucy was a mason and had worked for George W. Lucy & Son Construction and retired from the Santa Fe Railroad. He had also worked for the state highway department, at Oak Lawn Elementary School and at Indiana Beach.

He was a Navy veteran and had attended Purdue University and the Indiana School of Business.

Mr. Lucy was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Am Vets, 40 & 8 and Eagles Lodge.

He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed gardening, playing euchre and spending time with his family and friends.

He was born Feb. 11, 1929, in Remington to George and Dicie (Lear) Lucy. He married Rita Kubly on April 6, 1952. She died May 11, 1973. He then married Kathryn M. "Kay" Fordeck on Dec. 14, 1973, in Monticello. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Joe Brady of Brookston and Tonya and David Gibbs of Greenwood; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Bill Lucy and his fiancee, Carla Anderson, of Galveston, Mark and Linda Lucy of Elk Grove, Ill., and Kevin and Diane Lucy of Portage; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers and a sister.

Services with full military rites will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Fisher-Voorhis-Draper Funeral Home in Monticello with the Rev. Charles Armstrong officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today at the funeral home with an Eagles service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Riley Childrens Hospital.

Frank Miller

LIGONIER — Frank L. Miller, 80, of Ligonier died at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 10, 2006, Thursday

Eric Scott

KENDALLVILLE — Eric W. Scott, 42, of Kendallville died at 4:50 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006, at his home near Cree Lake following a six-month battle with esophageal cancer.

Mr. Scott

Mr. Scott had owned the Scott Insurance Agency in Kendallville for more than 20 years.

He was raised in Ligonier and was a 1982 graduate of West Noble High School.

Mr. Scott enjoyed spending time with his family and playing music.

He was born Dec. 16, 1963, in Kendallville to Robert L. and Sina (Iwankowitsch) Scott. They survive in Ligonier.

He married Amy Arnold on Oct. 10, 1995, at Faith United Methodist Church. She survives in Las Vegas, Nev.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Kirk M. and Paula K. Scott of Fort Wayne; a nephew, Jacob R. Scott; a niece, Rachel L. Scott; his maternal grandmother, Maria Iwankowitsch; and several cousins and friends.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Violet Budoso

FORT WAYNE — A memorial service for Violet Budoso will be Sunday at 3 p.m. in Golden Years Homestead nursing home, 8300 Maysville Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-3 p.m. at the nursing home.

Miss Budoso, 54, of Middleton, Wis., died Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at her home.

She graduated from Ball State University in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in teaching and taught at Leo Elementary School. For the past 17 years she worked at Land's End, most recently as learning and development senior coordinator. She was a courageous adventurer with a variety of interests including kayaking and cross-country skiing. She also was a nature enthusiast with a love of birds and was an avid photographer.

She was born May 19, 1952, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Mike and Julianna (Csatari) Budoso. Her mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving is a sister, Agnes Budoso of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Rosemary Bender.

Memorials are to the Breast Cancer Recovery Foundation or Holy Wisdom Monastery (formerly St. Benedict's Center), both at P.O. Box 5070, Madison, WI 53705-0070.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of local arrangements.

Pearl Hays

AUBURN — Pearl Irene Hays, 98, of Auburn died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was the oldest living veteran of the Women's Army Corps (WAC) in DeKalb County.

A former resident of Decatur, Ill., she was born in Macon County, Ill., on June 30, 1908, to William Asbury and Mammie Eulalia (Hinsey) Hays.

She worked as a keypunch operator for Illinois Power for many years, then worked as a private secretary for the advertising department. She was a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

She served her country during World War II in the South Pacific in Army intelligence.

Surviving are a sister, Gladys Williams of Auburn; four nephews, the Rev. Dale Williams of Auburn, Keith Williams of Aurora, Colo., Ben Williams of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Greg Hays of Houston, Texas; two nieces, Lori Hays and Stacey Hays; four grandnephews; and four grandnieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a grandnephew.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home of Decatur, Ill., with calling there from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery, with military rites conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard.

Memorials are to the memorial fund at the First Presbyterian Church in Auburn or to the American Cancer Society.

An online obituary may be viewed and condolences may be sent to the family on the Web site www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

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Lester Bippus

BUTLER — Lester H. Bippus, 85, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and formerly of Butler died Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006, at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. Bippus served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a Pearl Harbor survivor. He received a Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon, Philippines Liberation Ribbon and Navy Unit Commendation.

He worked for Meyer Alberts Grocerer in Cape Girardeau for 13 years and also at a metal foundry in San Francisco, Calif. He was a member of the First Church of God.

He was born Feb. 22, 1921, in Chicot County, Ark., to Otto Franklin and Vera (Poole) Bippus. They preceded him in death.

He married Frieda James on Oct. 2, 1942, in Cape Girardeau. She died in August 1974.

He married Lillian Vanover in May 1975, and she died Aug. 16, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Coy Willard of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; a stepson and his wife, Ronald and Kathy Vanover of Sellersburg, Ind.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Ruth and Doug Meyer of West Unity, Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Stella Bippus of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; two sisters, Dorothy Schlessor of Burlingame, Calif., and Wanda Johnson of Auburn; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a great-great grandson; five stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Frank Bippus; and a brother, Otto Bippus.

Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Butler Cemetery, with military rites by the Butler post of the American Legion.

Memorials are to St. Jude Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

H. E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home of Butler is in charge of local arrangements.

Lucas Lockhart

KENDALLVILLE — Lucas Ryan Lockhart was stillborn Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville to Ryan and Jennifer (Gullett) Lockhart of Kendallville.

Also surviving are his paternal grandmother, Bonnie Murray of Los Angeles, Calif.; maternal grandmother, Brenda Leas of Kendallville; and paternal great-grandmother, Thelma Tuandanski of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Curtis Lockhart, and his maternal grandfather, Terry Gullett.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with Pastor Janice Bakker officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolence may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Richard Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Memorial services for Richard E. Becker, 62, of Ethel, W.Va., will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Scott Shoaff officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-3 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 19 in Logan, W.Va., Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville or the Noble County Humane Society.

Mr. Becker died Friday, July 21, 2006, at his home in Ethel. He was a Kendallville native.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Eric Scott

KENDALLVILLE — Eric Scott, 42, of Kendallville died at 4:55 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006, at his Cree Lake home following a brave and long battle with esophageal cancer.

Mr. Scott had owned Scott Insurance Agency in Kendallville for more than 20 years.

He lived in Ligonier for many years and graduated from West Noble High School in 1982.

He was born on Dec. 16, 1963 in Kendallville.

Survivors include his parents, Robert and Sina (Iwankowitsch) Scott, of Ligonier.

On Oct. 7, 1995 he married Amy Arnold at the Faith United Methodist Church in Kendallville, and she resides in Las Vegas.

Other survivors include a brother and sister-in-law, Kirk M. and Paula K. Scott of Fort Wayne; a nephew, Jacob Scott, and a niece, Rachel L. Scott. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Maria Iwankowitsch, along with several cousins and many close friends.

Mr. Scott loved playing music and spending time with his family.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Aug. 12 at 11 a.m. at the J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with celebrant Larry Baker.

Visitation will take place Friday, Aug. 11 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will take place at Sparta Cemetery near Kimmell.

Memorials are asked for Parkview Noble Hospice.

Mary Knox

WAWAKA — Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Knox, 64, died Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006, at her home near Wawaka.

Mrs. Knox was a homemaker and at one time had been employed for 13 years at Taylor Made in Kendallville. She has been the receptionist at her daughter's beauty salon, First Impressions Salon, in Kendallville.

Mrs. Knox

She was a member of Dorcas Circle at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville and had volunteered many hours with McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Knox loved reading, sewing, cooking, crocheting, surfing the Internet on her computer and floral and vegetable gardening. She had taught herself to knit.

She was a 1958 graduate of Knott County Central High School.

She was born July 10, 1942, in Hindman, Ky., to Alton B.P. and Nancy (Cornett) Everage. She married Arnold Ray Knox on July 8, 1961, in Ottawa, Mich. He just recently preceded her in death on July 25.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Deborah Knox of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Tawnya and Carson Strouse of Wawaka; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Annagay and Martin Ragland of Clarksville, Tenn., and Martha Louise and Roy Downing of Fayetteville, N.C.; and six grandchildren, Travis Bailey of Crystal Lake, Ill., Travis James Knox of Kendallville, and Danielle Knox, Skyler Strouse, Nathan Terry and Taylar Knox, all of Wawaka.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Tawana Knox-Goings on Nov. 15, 2002; four brothers, John Everage, George Everage, Lawrence Everage and Cecil Everage; and two sisters, Altamae Crager and Virginia Collins.

Services were at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating.

Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion. Pallbearers were Tim Knox, Carson Strouse, Skyler Strouse, Nathan Terry, Travis James Knox, Travis Bailey, Cary Snyder and Steve Shull. Honorary pallbearers will be Taylar Knox and Danielle Knox.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Jane Clark

ROME CITY — Jane Elizabeth (Franks) Clark, 88, of Rome City died at 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5, 2006, at the home of her sister in South Bend, Indiana following an extended illness.

Mrs. Clark was born July 26, 1918, to Frank W. and Veda (Lindsay) Franks at Wawaka.

She graduated from Wawaka High School at Wawaka and from International Business College in Fort Wayne. During her career, she held secretarial positions with Bonsib Advertising Agency and Myers and McCarthy Menswear in Fort Wayne, the Indiana State Police at the Ligonier Post and the Town of Rome City.

Mrs. Clark was a member of the Wawaka United Methodist Church, where she had been secretary of the administrative board and a member of its Women's Society for many years. She was also a member of the Yarley Club and the Rome City senior citizens group.

On Dec. 28, 1952, she married Steven Clark. He preceded her in death Sept. 26, 1974.

Surviving are three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mildred Franks Gard of North Webster, Mary Franks Berkes and Howard Berkes, of Berne and Ann Franks Connors and Donald Connors, of South Bend; one brother, William Thomas Franks of Wawaka; several nieces and nephews; a stepson, Capt. Steven Clark, and his wife, Joan, of Flower Mound, Texas; two stepgrandsons and their wives, and five step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Mrs. Clark was preceded in death by two sisters, Thora Franks Cotner and Coy Franks Keefer, and a special friend, Tom Asher.

Services were Tuesday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Officiating was the Rev. Jim Robbins, pastor of the Wawaka United Methodist Church. The Rev. Steve Cox, youth pastor of Ligonier Evangelical Church, assisted. Interment was at Eel River Cemetery, Carroll Road, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637, or the Wawaka United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 66, Wawaka, IN 46794.

Darlene Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Darlene "Doll" Hicks, 63, of Kendallville died at 9:50 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2006, at her home. She had been ill the past 10 months.

Mrs. Hicks

Mrs. Hicks had moved to the area in 1987 from Whitewood, Va.

She was a homemaker and had previously owned Hicks Flowers & Gifts in Rome City with her sister-in-law, Sandy Hicks.

Mrs. Hicks was a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church at Lisbon.

She enjoyed flower arranging and working in her shop.

She was born Dec. 17, 1942, in Harman, Va., to James Walter and Canzaty (Deel) Yates. She married Raymond Russell Hicks on Feb. 29, 1964, in Harman. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Sean and Tammy Hicks of Ligonier and Tim Hicks of Kendallville; two sisters, Ethel Hagerman of Angola and Emalene Looney of Maxie, Va.; a brother, Neubern Yates of Haysi, Va.; and two grandchildren, Tanner Russell Hicks and Cassidy Shae Hicks.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Sarah Yates, Irene Conaway Stiltener and Zella Conaway Coleman; and three brothers, Ervin Yates, James Walter Yates Jr. and Gobel Yates.

Services werre Monday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church with Elders Harvey Tuttle, Delmus Hall, Scott Hamilton and Morris Wicker officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Active pallbearers will be Bill Owens, James Conaway, Dr. Brian Looney, Dennis Hagerman, Calvin Cole, Harrison Hicks, Darrel Yates and Avery Yates. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Rex Flenar, Dr. Dennis Lamp and Mark Gayheart.

Memorials are to Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with revised information from the funeral home.*

Pearl Hays

AUBURN — Pearl Irene Hays, 98, of Auburn and formerly of Decatur, Ill., died at 1:15 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Miss Hays

She was the oldest living World War II veteran in DeKalb County. She served her country in the South Pacific during World War II as a member of the U.S. Army (WACS) with the rank of technical sergeant in intelligence.

She was born in Piatt County, Ill., on June 30, 1908, the daughter of William Asbury and Mamie Eulalia Hays.

She worked as a keypunch operator for the Illinois Power Co. for many years, later working as a private secretary to the manager of the advertising department. She was a member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Surviving are a sister, Gladys Williams of Auburn; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Railing of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Marilyn Hays of Lakewood, Ill.; four nephews, the Rev. Dale Williams of Auburn, Keith Williams of Aurora, Colo., Ben Williams of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Greg Hays of Dallas, Texas; and numerous grandnephews and grandnieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, a brother-in-law, and one grandnephew.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 Center St., Auburn.

Additional calling will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ill., where the funeral will be at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Dale Williams officiating.

Burial with military rites conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard will be in Graceland Cemetery.

Memorials are to the memorial fund of the Auburn Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 448, Auburn, IN 46706 or The American Cancer Society.

On online obituary may be viewed and condolences may be sent to the Hays family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Frank Miller

LIGONIER — Frank L. Miller, 80, of Ligonier died at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at Avalon Village Nursing Home. He had been ill four years.

Mr. Miller had retired as an apartment manager and had lived in the area 10 years.

He was an Air Force veteran.

Mr. Miller was born Nov. 30, 1925, in Oklahoma.

Surviving are his former spouse and good friend, Bonnie Miller; a daughter and son-in-law, Brandon and Ann Moncrief of Kimmell; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

There will be private family services.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

LaFaun Haenel

FORT WAYNE — LaFaun "Bonnie" Haenel, 82, died Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, in Wyoming, Pa.

She dedicated her life to her family and friends. She enjoyed gardening, reading, baking, playing cards and the lottery.

She was born May 14, 1924, in Clyde, Ohio, to Herbert and Mona (Rummell) Sommers.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Gary Hayes; eight sons and four daughters-in-law, Rick and Joellen Ballard of Willard, Ohio, Jeff and Rod Ballard, Ted and Teri Ballard and Barry Ballard, all of Fort Wayne, Henry Ballard and Dan and Diane Ballard of Auburn and Ken and Sharon Ballard of Wyoming, Pa.; 30 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; two sisters, one brother and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her parents and two brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with burial in Riverview Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Moses Troyer

MILLERSBURG — Moses J. Troyer, 92, of Millersburg died at 8:52 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at his home as a result of injuries he sustained in a bicycle-auto accident while retrieving his newspaper.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and member of South Haven A.M. Church.

He was born June 9, 1914, to Jacob and Sarah (Miller) Troyer. He married Lovina Hochstetler on Oct. 6, 1938. She died Oct. 6, 2003.

Surviving are a son, LeRoy Troyer of Millersburg; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sarah Ann and Toby Miller of Plain City, Mo., and Mary Ann and Dennis Miller of Jerico Springs, Mo.; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and his siblings.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at South Haven A.M. Church, C.R. 43, Millersburg, with Bishop Wilbur Yoder and the Rev. Neal Beachy officiating. Burial will be in South Haven Cemetery in Millersburg.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Randy Parrish

ANGOLA — Randy J. Parrish, 43, of Angola died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Parrish was born Jan. 7, 1963, in Angola to James Lee and Emily (Cope) Parrish. He enjoyed playing cards and family events.

He had recently moved to Lakeland Apartments, where he had made many new friends and enjoyed having potluck dinners and playing bingo with neighbors.

Surviving are two brothers and a sister-in-law, Rex and Teri Parrish of Fremont and Rick Parrish of Muncie; and eight nieces and nephews, Jody Parrish, Thomas Parrish, Doty Slone, Shayne Parrish, Chad Case, Brad Case, Valerie Case and Andy Case.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Rodney Parrish in 1976 and Rusty Parrish in 2004.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Burial was in Jordan Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Glenn Gaff

FORT WAYNE — Glenn W. Gaff, 93, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006.

Mr. Gaff retired in 1984 as vice president and general manager of Bowlin-Gaff Car Rental, Fort Wayne. He also owned Bowlin-Gaff Ford Auto Sales in Evansville.

He was affiliated with Trinity United Methodist Church, a 50-year member of Home Lodge, a 50-year member of the Scottish Rite and a 50-year member of Mizpah Shrine.

He was born in Fort Wayne on March 25, 1913 to Francis W. and Mary (Bennett) Gaff. His wife, Dorothy Johnston Gaff, died Jan. 1, 2000.

Surviving are one daughter, Connie Holmes of rural Hudson; one granddaughter, Lezlie Frank of Centennial, Colo.; three great-grandchildren, Jaymi, Krista and Dakota; and one great-great-grandchild, Devyn.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco. Pastor Stephen Cain will officiate.

Calling is from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

Memorials are to the church.

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Clara Slabach

SHIPSHEWANA — Clara W.Slabach, 73, of Shipshewana died Friday, Aug. 11, 2006, at 4:05 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

She was born Sept. 16, 1932, in Haven, Kan., to William D. Yoder and Susie J. (Yoder) Yoder, who are both deceased. She was married Jan. 8, 1953, in Haven to Ervin E. Slabach, who died April 19, 1997. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Survivors include four daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Floyd Miller and Vera and Glen Yoder, all of Shipshewana, Nettie and Devon Bontrager of Topeka and Rose and Vernon Yoder of Millersburg; five sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Elsie Slabach, Vernon and LeAnna Slabach and Kenny and Ruby Slabach, all of Shipshewana, Felty and Carolyn Slabach of Middlebury, and Leon and Marlene Slabach of Goshen; 59 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; eight sisters, Katie Cross of Middlebury, Polly Frey of Fairview, Mich., Betsy and William Fry, Anna and Glen Fry and Edna Miller, all of Topeka, Susanna and Alvin Keim and Ruby and Elmer Byler, all of Millersburg, Vera and Mervin Miller of Ligonier; six brothers and their wives, Amos Yoder, Felty and Ruby Yoder and Albert and Rosa Yoder, all of Topeka, William and Laura Yoder of Goshen, David and Ida Mae Yoder of Shipshewana and Merle and Ottie Yoder of Tennesee.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, William Edward and Wilbur Slabach; one grandchild, Daryl Miller; a sister, Sadie Sommerlot; and six brothers, Daniel, Herman, Perry, Joe, Ora and Elmer Yoder.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Jerry Slabach residence, 4450 N C.R. 1000 W., Shipshewana, with the home ministers and Bishop Dean Bontrager officiating. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be at the family residence Saturday after 2 p.m. and all day Sunday.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of the arrangements.

Send online condolences to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

The following obituary is being rerun to correct an error.

Frank Miller

LIGONIER — Frank L. Miller, 80, of Ligonier died at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at Avalon Village Nursing Home. He had been ill four years.

Mr. Miller had retired as an apartment manager and had lived in the area 10 years.

He was an Air Force veteran.

Mr. Miller was born Nov. 30, 1925, in Oklahoma.

Surviving are his former spouse and good friend, Bonnie Miller; a son and daughter-in-law, Brandon and Ann Moncrief of Kimmell; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

There will be private family services.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

James Hershberger

AUBURN — James T. Hershberger, 58, of Auburn, died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, at 3 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital at Kendallville.

He was born Oct. 14, 1947, in Fort Wayne. In his later years, he lived at his group home in Auburn with his other special family and his wonderful caregivers, who were always there for him.

Surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Dody Hershberger of LaOtto, Walter T. and Diane Hershberger of Fort Wayne and Kenneth and Judy Hershberger of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Carol and John Thurber of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Shirley and Ray Daring of Fort Wayne; a stepsister, Emmy Reber of Bluffton; a sister-in-law, Geraldine Hershberger of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Merritt K. Hershberger Sr. and Virginia B. (Bass) Hershberger, and two brothers, Donald Hershberger and Merritt K. Hershberger Jr.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangments.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.com.

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Archie Mobley

LAGRANGE — Archie J. Mobley, 70, of LaGrange died at 12:40 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, at his home in Wolcottville.

He most recently drove a truck for his son and also worked at Starcraft where he did prep work and van conversions. He was a talented mechanic and enjoyed woodworking, deer hunting, gardening and landscaping as well as spending time with his family.

He was born Feb. 7, 1936, to Amos F. Mobley and Nellie Dunfee in LaGrange County. He married Sandra Marcelle Streby on Oct. 2, 1956, in Lexington, Ky. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Timothy W. Mobley of Wawaka, and Terry and Deborah Mobley and Tracy and Patricia Mobley, all of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tawnie and Kevin Reed of Auburn and Tina and Phil Lombardo of Lafayette; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Denver and Lois Mobley of Bronson, Mich., and Wilbur Mobley of Michigan; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Marie and Arthur Yanke of Ontario, Ind., and Stella and RIchard Lounsbury of Waterloo; 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Thomas; two sisters, Rachel Helferty and Joan; and four brothers, Robert, Harold, Charles and Virgil.

Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. William Stewart officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Leonard Lopes Sr.

MIDDLEBURY — Leonard "Lenny" Lopes Sr., 63, of Middlebury died Friday, Aug. 4, 2006, at 2 p.m. at Parkview Hospital in LaGrange.

He enjoyed his Harley Davidson motorcycle and was a member of the HOG Chapter. He was an avid fisherman and like to travel. He enjoyed golfing, playing cards, horseback riding and participated in rodeos in Florida where he rode broncos and bulls.

He was born July 11, 1943, to George Lopes and Dorothy Caraballos in Fall River, Mass. They are both deceased. He worked for Jeid-Wen National Sales, retiring after more than 20 years of service. He was also on the board of directors.

Survivors include his fiancé, Nancy Kay Schumacher; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Brian and Michelle Lopes of Nashville, Tenn., David Lopes of Hawaii and Leonard Lopes Jr. of Ft. Myers, Fla.; and three grandchildren along with family members in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers.

Arrangements were by Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Mr. Lopes was cremated.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Send online condolences to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Anita Taylor

CHESTERFIELD, Mo. — Anita Mae Taylor, 55, of Chesterfield, Mo., died Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006.

Mrs. Taylor was born to Carroll and Teresa (Ley) Glasgow. Her mother survives in Hudson. On May 5, 1979, she married Robey R. Taylor. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Megan Taylor of Washington, D.C.; one son, Brandon Taylor of St. Louis, Mo.; three sisters and their husbands, Ann and Joe Prucinsky of Valparaiso, Ruth and Les Libey of Angola and Janet and Jay Daane of Las Vegas, Nev.; five brothers and their wives, Roger and Ann Glasgow of Buffalo, N.Y., Bill and MaryAnn Glasgow of Cleveland, Ohio, Rex and Cathy Glasgow of Columbus, Ohio, Curt and Carissa Glasgow of Chesterton and Steve Glasgow of Bryan, Ohio; her in-laws, Ralph and Florence Taylor of Marion; a sister-in-law and her husband, Jan and George Babcock of Bluffton; a brother-in-law and his wife, Bill and Dianna Banter of Warren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services will be held at 9 a.m. Monday at the Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woodsmill Road, Manchester, Mo. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. on Sunday.

Arrangements are being made by O'Sullivan Muckle Mortuary, 13996 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association c/o Commerce Bank, 8050 Big Bend Blvd., Webster Groves, Mo. 63119.

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Charles Fausset

BROOKSTON — Charles M. "Chuck" Fausset, 82, of Brookston died at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, in St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette where had been a patient since suffering a heart attack on Aug. 8.

Mr. Fausset had retired from Tippecanoe School Corp. in 1987. He taught sixth grade there and in the Frontier School Corp. He had also taught business classes at West Lafayette and Ligonier in Indiana and in Oquawka, Ill.

He was a 1941 graduate of Kirklin High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University and a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Iowa.

He was a United States Navy veteran of World War II, stationed in Australia and New Guinea.

Mr. Fausset enjoyed woodworking, the St. Louis Cardinals and was a big IU sports fan for both basketball and football.

Mr. Fausset was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association, the White County Retired Teachers Association, the IOOF Odd Fellows Lodge No. 164, the former Brookston Optimist Club and the Brookston American Legion.

He was born Aug. 30, 1923, to Jesse Leland and Nancy Verna (Thompson) Fausset. He married Bertha Anna Blewett on Aug. 30, 1946, in Bloomington. She died Nov. 27, 2002.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard and Nancy Rogers of Westminster, S.C., Rex and LaDonna Fausset of Delphi and Barry Fausset of Goodland; a brother, Jean Fausset of Lebanon; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Louis and Donald Fausset.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Hartzler-Clapper Funeral Home in Brookston with the Rev. Dr. Lelan D. McReynolds officiating. Burial will be private.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Julie George Scholarship Fund or the Brookston Public Library.

THE NEWS SUN
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Law firm, church deal with losses

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — They both died young.

Derald Kruse was 61 and a partner in the law firm of Kruse and Kruse PC. He was active in his church, the County Line Church of God. He died from cancer July 30 at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Lori Ann Molin was 44, and she was a legal assistant at Kruse and Kruse. She was artistic and had her own business manufacturing decorative lamp shades. Also an interior decorator, she used her skills while on the custodial staff at County Line Church of God to make sure the church looked good. Mrs. Molin died Aug. 3 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, also of cancer.

Derald Kruse's brother, attorney David Kruse, was Lori's supervisor at the law firm.

"She handled all my estate work," David Kruse said. "You need to be sensitive, meeting with family members, and Lori had the compassion to work well with them, to make encouraging statements.

"She was a very top-quality person, and was a Christian and able to share those values and faith in her work," he added.

David Kruse said all the employees of the law firm are going through a period of grief.

"There is a turn coming, we know, where we are going to be thankful for Derald and Lori," he said. "We are going to be looking at the gain people have had in knowing them. They had model lives, lives to look up to," David Kruse said.

Mr. Kruse

Mrs. Molin

The assistant pastor at County Line Church of God is Stuart Kruse, a nephew of Derald. Stuart Kruse said his uncle made a profound impact on the lives of many church members.

"He was so good at conflict resolution," the Rev. Kruse said. "People went to him for advice and counsel, and since his death, so many members have told me that Derald saved their marriages, or brought (a loved one) back into the church fold.

"That is why our church has been so peaceful for so many years," the pastor continued. "We didn't have conflicts, because Derald was quick to find a resolution. He was a tremendous encourager."

The Rev. Kruse said Derald also taught Bible study in a rather unique way.

"He asked for questions, offered debate. He was big in

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getting people to think for themselves, encouraging them to be — like himself — learners," he said.

Mrs. Molin, Stuart Kruse said, was the hardest-working person he had ever met.

"She had a tremendous work ethic and was always willing to lend a hand. She was always willing to do whatever she could do to help anyone or to help the church," he said.

According to the Rev. Kruse, Mrs. Molin viewed her custodial work as a way of "giving God excellence." With her degree in interior design, she wanted to make sure the church was not only clean, but that it looked nice.

Lori's husband, Gregory, is disabled with a serious illness, and Mrs. Molin worked at two jobs as well as her own business. Still, the Rev. Kruse said, she had the energy to volunteer and lend a hand.

"She had a real servant's heart," he said.

Daniel Kruse, another brother of Derald, compared his brother to Jimmy Stewart in his role in the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life."

"Without Derald's impact, many lives would not be as rewarding or good. People are better for knowing him," Daniel Kruse wrote in a tribute to his brother.

Daniel Kruse offered an interesting observation about his brother.

"You might ask, 'Why did God take such a great Christian early?'" Daniel Kruse wrote. He recalled Derald Kruse recovering from tuberculosis, having a pitchfork lodged in his eye and surviving a head-on crash with a train.

"You might say God extended Derald's life and that he completed his mission," Daniel Kruse wrote.

Mrs. Molin's husband said his wife still found the time to be involved in the lives of their daughters, Chelsea and Katie.

"She made every effort to attend their concerts, birthday parties and take them to the botanical conservatory," Mr. Molin said. "She was the breadwinner, I the house husband."

In the spring of 2005, Mr. Molin said, his wife planted four pear trees in their yard.

"She loved gardening," he said, and the yard of their home reflects her work.

"She was in pain afterward, and thought she had pulled a muscle," he said. When she didn't get better, she went to the doctor, who discovered spots in her colon that turned out to be cancer. It spread quickly to her liver and lungs.

"I prayed early for God to use us in whatever way He would choose, and I could not withhold her from God," Mr. Molin said. "He is being glorified, and her pain and suffering are over."

Derald Kruse, his brother Daniel said, "had a lot of pain, and he told me it was the toughest fight of his life." Still, he was in prayer for others.

"He is pain-free, and in the presence of God," Daniel Kruse said of his brother.

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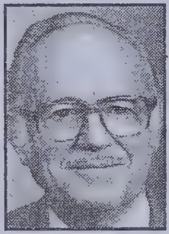
Lanning Baker

FORT WAYNE — "L.C." Lanning Churchill Baker, 94, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Auburn died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at Townhouse Retirement Center in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Baker

Before retirement, Mr. Baker was the administrator of DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne from 1972-1981. He had previously worked as business manager at Parkview Hospital. He was a member of Fort Wayne Lions Club, Indiana Lions Foundation and past president of Greenhurst Country Club.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. He spent time in a German prisoner of war camp after his plane was shot down over Germany.

Mr. Baker was born June 28, 1912, in Loudenville, Ohio, to Bernard and Nellie (Lanning) Baker. He married Kathleen "Katie" Considine on July 13, 1946, in Indianapolis. She preceded him in death on March 28, 2004.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Bernard and Elizabeth Baker of Omaha, Neb.; a daughter and son-in-law, Lanna and Rich Lee of Churubusco; and four grandchildren, Kelly Lee, Aaron Lee, Christine Baker and John Baker.

Mr. Baker was also preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Cliff Baker, Jim Baker and Bob Baker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804 or Cancer Services of Allen County, 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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Crashes kill two area men

Police arrest driver at Angola hospital

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Two men from Fort Wayne died in separate crashes Sunday night and Saturday night in northeast Indiana, police reported.

William Wise, 38, was killed in a crash on I-69 north of Dupont Road at about 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Allen County Police said.

Wise was thrown from his sport-utility vehicle after a tire apparently blew, flipping the SUV into the median, police said. He died after being flown to Parkview Hospital with severe injuries.

A woman and two children in the vehicle suffered minor injuries, according to a police spokesman.

The SUV was pulling a boat. The crash closed both lanes of I-69 until about 8:10 p.m.

One man is dead and another is hospitalized and facing criminal charges after a one-vehicle crash near Angola Saturday night.

John P. Gerard, 39, of Fort Wayne sustained massive head injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene by a representative of the Steuben County Coroner's Office, said a report from Steuben County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Emerick.

Gerard was riding as a passenger in a GMC Envoy that crashed at about 8:50 p.m. Saturday on Steuben C.R. 100N near C.R. 250W.

The driver of the vehicle, James L. White, 41, of Fort Wayne, has been charged with operating while intoxicated causing a death, a Class D felony, police said.

White suffered from chest pain after the crash and was treated at Cameron Hospital in Angola, but later was transferred to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where a spokesperson said he was in fair condition this morning.

"Through the investigation, probable cause was developed to believe that White was intoxicated while driving," Emerick's report said.

Emerick's report said White was driving westbound on C.R. 100N, following another vehicle. White reportedly pulled into the oncoming traffic lane as if he were going to pass the vehicle.

Emerick said White didn't make the pass and pulled back into the westbound lane, where the vehicle went off the roadway.

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Hubert Dixon

LEO — Hubert Trumbull Dixon, 87, of Leo died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital North in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dixon was born Nov. 3, 1918, in Hamilton. He married Mildred Yeteve Ash on May 31, 1941, in Kokomo. She survives.

He was retired from Menze Sales Engineering, where he worked as a sales engineer, in 1977. He and his wife had wintered in Bonita Springs, Fla., for 29 years.

He enjoyed garage sales, collecting and traveling with his wife. He was a member of Leo United Methodist Church, Leo, and First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs. He belonged to the Cedar Creek and Bonita Springs Lions clubs and was a member of the Fremont Masonic Lodge.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine M. and Ron Lengacher of Leo; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael E. Dixon of Fort Wayne and David L. and Judy Dixon of Pine Hall, N.C.; two sisters, Vivien Andrews of Nashville, Tenn., and Shirley Gecowets of Downers Grove, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Leo United Methodist Church.

Calling will be two hours before services at the church.

Memorials are to Leo United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

Donna Begley

CHURCH HILL, Tenn. — Donna Elaine Begley, 43, of Church Hill and formerly of Ligonier died Friday, Aug. 11, 2006, at her home following an apparent heart attack.

Mrs. Begley was a native of Morristown, Tenn., but lived in Noble County most of her life before moving to Church Hill six years ago.

She is survived by a daughter, Crystal Hagerman of Kingsport, Tenn.; a son, Joseph Hagerman of Ligonier; three grandchildren; her mother, Marie Reichard Helton of Church Hill; her stepfather, Larry Reichard of Ligonier; a brother, Dale Reichard of Ligonier; two sisters, Tammie Andersen of University Park, Iowa, and Angela Bales of Kimmell; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Church Hill, Tenn.

Condolences may be sent online to www.johnsonfuneralhome.org.

Dr. John Hines

AUBURN — Dr. John H. Hines, 78, of Auburn died early today, Aug. 14, 2006, at his home in Auburn.

There will be no calling or services.

A full obituary will appear in Tuesday's edition.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Eloise Wisner

ANGOLA — Eloise Fern Wisner, 75, of Angola died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Wisner was born Feb. 1, 1931, in Pleasant Lake to Gail and Mildred (Johnson) Anstett. She married Claud Wisner on Jan. 1, 1950, and he preceded her in death in 1992.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, Rebekah Lodge No. 35 and Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, where she was past noble grand of the Ladies Encampment, and the Baptist Women's Missionary Guild.

Surviving are a daughter, Debra Krontz of Pleasant Lake; a son, Michael Wisner of Apex, N.C.; three sisters, Marietta Agner of Angola, Donna Mae Russell of Wabash and Doetta Souders of Michigan; six grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Nancy Spencer; a grandson, Christopher Parsons; and a brother, Donald Anstett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. George Foulk officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 10-11 a.m.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Toxicology reports in on driver in fatal crash

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Toxicology test results have come in on the driver in a July 25 crash near Fremont that killed six people.

A report from the Steuben County Sheriff's Department said Roger A. Wilcox, 20, of Angola tested positive for marijuana. Wilcox had a blood alcohol level of .043 percent, which is half the legal limit for operating while intoxicated in Indiana.

Wilcox's positive result for marijuana does not necessarily mean he was using the drug the night of the accident. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse Web site (www.teens.drugabuse.gov), traces of tetrahydrocannabinol (commonly known as THC), the main intoxicant in marijuana, can be detected several days after use because THC is heavily absorbed in the body's fatty tissues and organs. In heavy chronic users, traces of THC can sometimes be detected for

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weeks after they have stopped using marijuana.

The accident happened at about 4:30 a.m. when Wilcox apparently lost control of his 1996 Blazer on C.R. 100E north of Feather Valley Road. The SUV crashed into a tree and burst into flames.

Dental records had to be used to identify the victims in the crash. The other five victims were Jeramie Fulton, 20; Donavon Green, 20; Coltlyn Karn, 16; Megan Kotowski, 14; and Sarah Teeple, 17. All were from Angola.

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Hilda Bercot

ANGOLA — Hilda May Bercot, 93, of Angola died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006.

Mrs. Bercot was born Nov. 20, 1912, in Hartford City to Joseph Russell and Mary Alice (Cole) McGary. She was married to Franklin Paul Bercot at St. Michael's Church in DeKalb County on Aug. 2, 1946. He preceded her in death on Dec. 17, 1993.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Home Demonstration Club in Fort Wayne. She enjoyed reading, needlework and knitting.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Alice and Thomas Filbrun and Pauline Ann and Steve Elett, all of Angola; five grandchildren and their spouses, Marie and Pat Miller, Angela May and Pat Mead and Max E. Filbrun, all of Angola, Jolene Sue and Cliff Fisher of Sparks, Nev., and Colleen Rene and Steven Seghi of Edgewater, Md.; and six great-grandchildren, Alex Morgan Fisher, Nathan Jeffery Fisher, Jasmine Rene Seghi, Gwyneth Lillian Seghi, Makayla Morgan Mead and Emma Rene Miller.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Paul Joseph Bercot; two brothers, Theodore McGary and James McGary; and a great-grandchild, Samantha Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in St. Vincent's Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Calling will be Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Habitat for Humanity.

Condolences can be e-mailed to filbrun@mchsi.com or selett@hotmail.com.

Rieke Steinbrecher

BAD ZWISCHENAHN, Germany — Rieke Steinbrecher, 21, died July 31, 2006, in a bicycle-auto accident in Bad Zwischenahn, Germany.

She had been an exchange student at DeKalb High School from January to May 2002. She was very active on the softball team and in the band. She loved to travel and was friendly to everyone she met. She attended Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Miss Steinbrecher

Her parents wrote that they buried her with "her beloved Indiana flag."

She was born July 12, 1985, in Aldenburg, Germany.

Surviving are her parents, Hans and Hilke Steinbrecher; and her sister, Fiene.

She is also survived by her American host families, Dorothy (Keller) Bonecutter, Charles and LoAnn Bassett, Cris, Angela, Laura and Wil Horton and Jack, Margo and Liz Corey.

Condolences may be sent to Irisweg 6b, 26160 Bad Zwischenahn, Germany, or by e-mail to Hilke1303@aol.com.

Donald Baker

KENDALLVILLE — Donald A. Baker, 77, of Kendallville died at 8:45 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Baker had been a lifetime Kendallville resident.

He had been plant supervisor with Safe Guard Industries in Kendallville for 33 years.

Mr. Baker was an Air Force veteran.

He was born July 25, 1929, in Kendallville to Paul and Nancy (Lydy) Baker. He married Alma Donna Gose on April 9, 1954, in Kendallville. She died Oct. 21, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters, Pattie Fay Beiswanger, Dawn Baker and Wanda April Couture, all of Kendallville; a son, David L. Baker of Kendallville; a sister, Evelynn Wolf of Huntertown; four grandchildren, Aimee, Zach, Meghan and Lindsey; and a stepgrandchild, Baily.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Irene McKinnley, in 1997.

Private services were held Monday. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

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David McCracken

WOODBURN — David Lynn McCracken, 66, of Woodburn and Lake Pleasant died Monday, Aug. 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne after a short battle with lung cancer.

Mr. McCracken

Mr. McCracken was born Feb. 20, 1940, in Lima, Ohio, to William D. and Marilynn (Foust) McCracken. On Dec. 20, 1959, he married Myrna McGinnis at Middle Point United Methodist Church. She survives.

He graduated from Hoaglin Jackson High School in Van Wert County, Ohio, and International Business College, where he majored in accounting.

He retired in 1998 from the offices of Rea Magnet Wire after 32 years of service and was also self-employed at McCracken Water Conditioning. He attended the Angola United Methodist Church and also retained membership at Woodburn United Methodist Church, where he had served in various capacities.

Also surviving are his parents in Van Wert, Ohio; a son, Mark P. McCracken of Leo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mindy J. and Mick Bolinger of Markle and Lynne and Mark Koch of Leo; eight grandchildren, Sloan Brunner, Briar Bolinger, Brianna Bolinger, Grace Koch, Chloe Koch, Alexandria McCracken, Ethan Koch and Jacob Koch; three brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Suzi McCracken of Washington Courthouse, Ohio, Kent and Kim McCracken of Delphos, Ohio, and Eric and Melody McCracken of Van Wert; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Roseann and Ted Spieles of Lima, Pam and Mike Whetstone of Sun Lakes, Ariz., Mary Lou and Tony Smith of Van Wert and Sherri and Mike Arn of Van Wert; a brother-in-law, Michael McGinnis of Bloomington; a sister-in-law and her husband, Alex and Rex Schaadt of Middle Point; and 28 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a niece, Chelsea Smith; a nephew, Graig Pollock; and a sister-in-law, Evelyn Miller.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Angola Methodist Church, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, New Haven, and also one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to camping scholarship funds at Angola or Woodburn United Methodist Churches or to St. Joseph Hospital Burn Center, Fort Wayne.

John Gerard

FORT WAYNE — John P. "Snap" Gerard, 39, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, in Angola as a result of injuries sustained in a car wreck.

Mr. Gerard was born in Gary. He was a foreman and crane operator for Weigand Construction and member of Local 213. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and loved coaching his kids' football and baseball teams.

Surviving are his wife Erika Gerard of Fort Wayne; four children, Nicholas Gerard, Jakob Gerard, Ashley Gerard, and Austin Wissman, all of Fort Wayne; his parents, Phil and Cathie Gerard of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeff and Jessi Gerard of Angola; a niece and nephew, Zoe and Max; and a best friend and his wife, Bill and Staci Sowders of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Mark Klinepeter officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-9 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Memorials are to Mr. Gerard's children's education fund in care of Erika Gerard.

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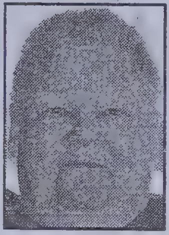
Dr. John Hines

AUBURN — Dr. John H. Hines, 78, died Monday, Aug. 14, 2006, at his home in Auburn.


Dr. Hines

He was born Jan. 8, 1928, in Auburn to Archie V. and Georgia A. (Van Fleet) Hines. They preceded him in death.

He served his country in World War II in the U.S. Army. After his discharge from the Army, he attended Indiana University Medical School. Before he graduated, he was called up again to serve in Korea with two of his four brothers.

Following his second discharge from the service, he returned to IU Medical School and graduated in 1957. He returned to Auburn and practiced medicine until his retirement in 1999.

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and a former member of Greenhurst Country Club, Auburn Elks, Auburn Moose and American Legion Post 97 in Auburn.

He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine.

He belonged to the medical staff at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, DeKalb County Medical Society and American Medical Association and was a 50-year member of the Indiana State Medical Association.

He married Nancy J. Webb on June 16, 1948, in Angola. She died Nov. 28, 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Patch and Terry Hines of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Yolande and James Sullivan of Lawrence Harbor, N.J., and Jonatha and Rusty Wright of Lutz, Fla.; six grandchildren, Mary Kathryn Sullivan, Georgia Sullivan, Lauren Hines, JP Hines, Jessica Wilson and her husband, Christopher, and Daniel Wright; and two great-grandchildren, Althea Wilson and Stella Wilson.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, A.V. "Patch," Hubert, Stan and David Hines.

There will be no calling or services.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Community Memorial Hospital Foundation, DeKalb Memorial Hospice or DeKalb County Humane Society. Gifts may be sent directly to the organizations or to Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, IN 46706, which is in charge of arrangements.

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Randy Parrish

ANGOLA — Randy J. Parrish, 43, of Angola died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Parrish was born Jan. 7, 1963, in Angola to James Lee and Emily (Cope) Parrish.

He enjoyed playing cards and attending family events.

Mr. Parrish had recently moved to Lakeland Apartments, where he had made many new friends and enjoyed having potluck dinners and playing bingo with his neighbors.

Surviving are two brothers and a sister-in-law, Rex and Teri Parrish of Fremont and Rick Parrish of Muncie; and eight nieces and nephews, Jody Parrish, Thomas Parrish, Doty Slone, Shayne Parrish, Chad Case, Brad Case, Valerie Case and Andy Case.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Rodney Parrish in 1976 and Rusty Parrish in 2004.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Paul Slone officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial was in Jordan Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

John Yoder

MILLERSBURG — John Henry Yoder, 19, of Millersburg died at 6:52 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital from injuries in an accident on C.R. 38 near C.R. 33.

Mr. Yoder was employed in the final finishing department at Cross Roads RV in Topeka.

He was born Oct. 7, 1986, in LaGrange to Orla H. and Erma L. (Yoder) Yoder. They survive.

Also surviving are four sisters and a brother-in-law, Jolene and Lloyd Yutzy of Middlebury, and Linda Yoder, Iva Jean Yoder and Kari Beth Yoder, all at home; six brothers, Jerry Wayne Yoder, Lonnie Yoder, Dean Yoder, Freeman Yoder, Melvin Yoder and Steven Yoder, all at home; and a grandmother, Amelia Yoder of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Henry and Mary Yoder, and Levi Yoder.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the family home, 65438 S.R. 13, Millersburg, with his uncle, Bishop Mervin Yoder, and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Nisley Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be today at the family home.

Bessie McClure

LINDENHURST, Ill. — Bessie S. McClure, 93, of Lindenhurst and formerly of Waukegan died Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center.

Mrs. McClure had been employed in the advertising department at the Waukegan News-Sun from 1950-1977.

In 2004, the Waukegan Fire Department named a rescue ambulance after her, in honor of her longtime association and support of the fire department. The firefighters considered her their adopted "grandmother." Local 473 of the International Association of Firefighters have created a scholarship program in her name.

She was born Nov. 1, 1912, in Lake Forest, Ill. Her first husband, A.G. Nelson, died March 6, 1961, and her second husband, George A. McClure, died on March 6, 1984.

Survivors include a niece, Suzanne Walkup of Kendallville; a nephew; a brother-in-law; and several great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Bell, on Nov. 30, 1933; and a brother, Steve G. Kostial, on Nov. 11, 1960.

Services were held Monday at Salata-Gurnee Funeral Home in Gurnee, Ill.

Burial was in Warren Cemetery in Gurnee.

Memorials are to the Bessie McClure Scholarship Program in care of the International Association of Firefighters Local 473.

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Richard Miller

ALBION — Richard Lawrence "Dick" Miller, 86, of Albion and formerly of Wabash died at 10:25 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was the owner of Dick's Men's Wear in Wabash from 1944-1971.

He had a long association with the Indianapolis 500, which included offering the winner a $1,000 wardrobe, hospitality director for Provimi Veal Auto Racing Team and being associated with race drivers Ari Luyendyk, Mario and Michael Andretti and Nigel Mansel.

He was a charter member of the United States Auto Club (USAC), life member and past president and chairman of the board of the Indianapolis 500 Oldtimers Club, member of the Vintage Car Club and Novi Motorsports Hall of Fame and served on the Indianapolis 500 Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Mr. Miller was a Republican candidate for mayor of Wabash in 1984 and served as grand marshal of the Wabash Canal Days Parade in 1990 and grand marshal of the 2006 Strawberry Fest parade.

Mr. Miller was active in many civic and social organizations and had officiated at high school basketball games for six years. In 2003 he was named a Sagamore of the Wabash.

He was a member of the Wabash Presbyterian Church.

He was born April 5, 1920, in Wabash to Dwayne and Mary (Holderman) Miller. He married Mary Jane Martin on Aug. 19, 1944, at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Wabash. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Don Marteeny of Holly, Mich., and Mary and Stan Tipton of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, John "Jack" and Mary Miller of Wabash; six grandchildren and their spouses, Benjamin Tipton of Indianapolis, Jay Tipton, Maggie Tipton and Colin Tipton, all of Albion, Dana and Damon Sefa of Buffalo, N.Y., and Dawn and Matt Fulton of Grand Blanc, Mich.; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with the Rev. Michael Dunkelburger officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery at Wabash.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wabash Historical Museum.

Condolences may be sent online to www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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Archie Mobley, 70

LAGRANGE – Archie J. Mobley, 70, of LaGrange died at 12:40 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, 2006, at his home in Wolcottville.

He most recently drove a truck for his son and also worked at Starcraft where he did prep work and van conversions. He was a talented mechanic and enjoyed woodworking, deer hunting, gardening and landscaping as well as spending time with his family.

He was born Feb. 7, 1936, to Amos F. Mobley and Nellie Dunfee in LaGrange County. He married Sandra Marcelle Streby on Oct. 2, 1956, in Lexington, Ky. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, Timothy W. Mobley of Wawaka, and Terry and Deborah Mobley and Tracy and Patricia Mobley, all of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tawnie and Kevin Reed of Auburn and Tina and Phil Lombardo of Lafayette; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Denver and Lois Mobley of Bronson, Mich., and Wilbur Mobley of Michigan; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Marie and Arthur Yanke of Ontario, Ind., and Stella and RIchard Lounsbury of Waterloo; 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Thomas; two sisters, Rachel Helferty and Joan; and four brothers, Robert, Harold, Charles and Virgil.

Services were held Monday, August 14, 2006, at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. William Stewart officiating. Burial was in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to *carneyfrost@earthlink.net*.

Frank Miller, 80

LIGONIER – Frank L. Miller, 80, of Ligonier died at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at Avalon Village Nursing Home. He had been ill four years.

Mr. Miller had retired as an apartment manager and had lived in the area 10 years.

He was an Air Force veteran.

Mr. Miller was born Nov. 30, 1925, in Oklahoma.

Surviving are his former spouse and good friend, Bonnie Miller; a daughter and son-in-law, Brandon and Ann Moncrief of Kimmell; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

There will be private family services.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Eric Scott, 42

KENDALLVILLE – Eric W. Scott, 42, of Kendallville died at 4:50 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2006, at his home near Cree Lake following a six-month battle with esophageal cancer.

Mr. Scott had owned the Scott Insurance Agency in Kendallville for more than 20 years.

He was raised in Ligonier and was a 1982 graduate of West Noble High School.

Mr. Scott enjoyed spending time with his family and playing music.

He was born Dec. 16, 1963, in Kendallville to Robert L. and Sina (Iwankowitsch) Scott. They survive in Ligonier.

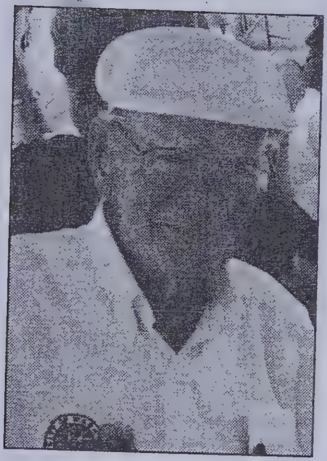
He married Amy Arnold on Oct. 10, 1995 at Faith United Methodist Church. She survives in Las Vegas, Nev.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Kirk M. and Paula K. Scott of Fort Wayne; a nephew, Jacob R. Scott; a niece, Rachel L. Scott; his maternal grandmother, Maria Iwankowitsch; and several cousins and friends.

Services were held Saturday, August 12, 2006, at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Larry Baker officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 16, 2006, Wednesday



Richard Miller, 86

ALBION – Richard Lawrence "Dick" Miller, 86, of Albion IN, formerly of Wabash, died Monday, August 14, 2006 at 10:25am at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born April 5, 1920 in Wabash, IN to Dwayne and Mary (Holderman) Miller.

He married Mary Jane Martin on August 19, 1944 at the St. Bernard Catholic Church in Wabash. Dick was a 1938 graduate of Wabash High School and graduated from Kahn Tailoring Company, Indianapolis.

Mr. Miller owned Dick's Men's Wear in Wabash from 1944 - 1971. In 1955, with the approval of Tony Hulman, president/CEO of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Mr. Miller started a $1,000 wardrobe prize to the winner of the Indianapolis 500, on the condition the winner arrived at his Wabash store to collect the prize the same week of the race. He continued this prize until 1971. Mr. Miller also held banquets for Wabash residents to attend after the winner's store visit, plus a reception for various winners at his home.

Dick was the public relations director of Provimi Veal Co., Waukesha, WI and hospitality director for Provimi Veal Auto Racing Team. He also was associated with race car driver Arie Luyendyk, two-time winner of the Indy 500, for 17 years in many capacities. Dick spent five years with Newman-Haas Racing Team, drivers Mario and Michael Andretti, and National CART champion Nigel Mansel.

Mr. Miller was the Republican candidate for mayor of Wabash in 1984. He was former president of the Wabash Retail Division of the Wabash Area Chamber of Commerce and was one of the originators of Canal Days. He was the grand marshal of the 1990 Canal Days parade and the grand marshal of the 2006 Strawberry Fest parade.

He was a former president, chairman of the board, and life member of the Indianapolis 500 Oldtimers Club, charter member of the United States Auto Club, Novi Motorsports Hall of Fame, member of Championship Auto Racing, Indianapolis 500 Hall of Fame Selection Committee, and the Vintage Car Club. He was a former member of the Indiana Retail Men's Wear Association and a life member of the Elks Lodge. He was a past president of the Wabash Rotary Club and the American Heart Association, Wabash Chapter. Dick was a member of the 500 Festival Associates, the Wabash and North Manchester Historical Societies, and the Wabash Presbyterian Church. He worked for Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service 5 years and was the Promotional Director for the Cities of Wabash and North Manchester. He also was an Indiana high school basketball official 6 years. In 2003 Richard received the Sagamore of the Wabash.

He is survived by wife, Mary Jane Miller of Albion, IN; 2 daughters, Jane Ann (Don) Marteeny of Holly, MI, Mary Kathryn (Stan) Tipton of Albion, IN; brother, John W. "Jack" (Mary Alice) Miller of Wabash, IN; 6 grandchildren, Benjamin Tipton of Indianapolis, IN, Jay Tipton, Maggie Tipton, and Colin Tipton of Albion, IN, Dana (Damon) Sefa of Buffalo, NY, Dawn (Matt) Fulton of Grand Blanc, MI; great-grandchildren, Hayley, Ally Jane and Kate Fulton of Grand Blanc, MI, Tristen and Ella Jane Sefa of Buffalo, NY.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave Wabash on Friday, August 18, 2006 at 10:30am with Rev. Michael Dunkelburger officiating. Burial will be at Falls Cemetery, Wabash, IN . Friends may call 4-8pm Thursday at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Richard may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Preferred memorial is Wabash County Historical Museum.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 17, 2006, Thursday

William Long

MIDDLEBURY — William R. Long, 80, died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006, in St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend.

Mr. Long

Mr. Long had been a farmer and drove a school bus for the Middlebury school system for 10 years. He retired in 1989 after serving since 1958 as a rural letter carrier.

He was an active member of the Elkhart County Rural Letter Carriers and Indiana Rural Letter Carriers. He was also a member of the American Legion, Crystal Valley Exchange Club and charter member of the Maple Crest Country Club.

Mr. Long was the current president of the Middlebury Township Advisory Board and co-owner and vice president of the Credit Bureau of Goshen Inc.

He had been a member of First United Methodist Church in Middlebury for 57 years.

He was born Oct. 11, 1925, in Nappanee to Raymond and Ethel (Stutzman) Long. He married Rosealene Metzlet on Feb. 10, 1946, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lucinda Woolley of South Bend; a son, Charles Long of Goshen; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Linda Craig officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury with military rites by Middlebury American Legion Post 210.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

John McCorkle

FORT WAYNE — John A. McCorkle, 81, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had been a salesman at Mossman-Yarnale Co. and was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II. He loved golfing, fishing and hunting.

Surviving are his wife, Mary J. McCorkle; a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Donald Miller of Hudson; a granddaughter, Kelly Kellogg of Hamilton; two great-grandchildren, Stephanie and Nicholas Kellogg of Hamilton; and two brothers, Robert and Richard, both of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Alvin Beggs officiating.

Calling will from noon-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Barbara Van Wald

CHURUBUSCO — Barbara J. Van Wald, 77, of Willshire, Ohio, died early Wednesday morning, Aug. 16, 2006, in the Van Wert Hospital, Van Wert, Ohio, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Van Wald was employed by Egolf's IGA as a cashier for more than 30 years. She had lived in Willshire since May 2001.

She was born July 11, 1929, in Willshire to Leroy and Mary (Kline) Painter. They preceded her in death.

She married Clifford E. Van Wald on Sept. 6, 1958, in New Haven. He died Jan. 6, 1985.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Kenneth Speelman of Scott, Ohio, and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Deb Pickens, in 1951, six sisters and four brothers.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Willshire Park Improvement Fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 17, 2006, Thursday

Curtis Link

AUBURN — Curtis A. Link, 91, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mr. Link

Mr. Link worked in the maintenance department for Auburn Rubber Co. and Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. for 26 years, retiring in 1995. He also worked part-time for Fike's Machine Shop in Garrett.

He attended St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn and was a past member of the Loyal Order of Moose 556 in Auburn and the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Garrett.

He was born Sept. 28, 1914, in Beulah, Mich., to Evan and Nida (Cramer) Link. They preceded him in death.

He married Vera Fales on Sept. 5, 1936. She died Aug. 17, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Terie and Larry Bauman of Pleasant Lake; a daughter-in-law, Opal Link of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Milo and Margie Link of Gaylord, Mich.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Maysa and Roy Guinn and Wilma and Ralph Carper, all of Auburn; and four grandchildren and their spouses, Bob and Carol Lawson, Max and Emily Fetzer, Todd and Amie Bauman and Ryan Link.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ervin C. Link; two brothers, Arnold Link and Hershel Link; and a granddaughter, Geraldine Fuller.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Steve Evans will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Southern Care Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Lawrence Rooks

AUBURN — Lawrence P. Rooks, 57, of Auburn died Sunday, Aug. 13, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Rooks

Mr. Rooks was born Dec. 13, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Patrick E. and Mary Celeste (Schenkel) Rooks.

He was a graduate of Central Catholic High School and was an entrepreneur, enjoying a variety of business interests throughout his life, including real estate sales, administration of several not-for-profit businesses and ownership of a telecommunications company.

He was very civic- and community-minded and received tremendous satisfaction in being of service to others. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna and Auburn Rotary Club, a board member of the Indiana Rural Housing Authority, a member of the Indiana Board of Realtors, the Eagles Club of Warren, Mich., and Mastermind Group and was active in Junior Achievement.

Surviving are a companion, Gail McKinley of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and David MacDonald of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas L. Rooks and Kelly J. Herber-Rooks of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Kathryn MacDonald, Emma MacDonald, Andrew MacDonald, Peter MacDonald, Reanna Rooks and Melinda Herber; his mother, Mary Celeste Rooks of Clearwater, Fla.; and three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Daniel Rooks of Sarasota, Fla., Ronald and Cathy Rooks of Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Richard and Patty Rooks of Clearwater.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna

Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements. To sign the guestbook or offer condolences, visit www.covingtonmemorial.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 17, 2006, Thursday

Max Smith

CHURUBUSCO — Max E. Smith, 77, of rural Churubusco died unexpectedly Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 15, 2006, in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith was born Feb. 16, 1929, in Allen County to Leo D. and Dorothy O. (Hively) Smith. His parents preceded him in death.

He lived in the Huntertown and Churubusco area all of his life. He began his elementary education at Center School House in Eel River Township with his sisters, Phyllis and Marilyn, and brother, Donald, until it closed in 1936. He graduated from Huntertown High School in 1947.

He was a veteran of the Korean War, having served as a medic. He received the Korean Service Medal and a Bronze Star.

Upon his return from Korea, he began farming and married L. Darlene Dice on Nov. 27, 1954. She survives.

He continued to farm and was a school bus driver for Northwest Allen County Schools. He entered the construction business, working with Bruce McComb for a number of years. He later operated a construction business, Darleone Homes, with partner Morris Bracht of Huntertown.

Mr. Smith retired from the middle school custodial staff of Northwest Allen County Schools in 1996.

He was very involved with the fellowship of Wesley Chapel, where he helped with many building projects and was involved with teaching Sunday school and leading worship. He enjoyed giving his time to the Lord and to others, and he assisted in the construction of the newest addition of the church.

Mr. Smith enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed golfing in leagues and with his grandsons. He attended as many of his grandchildren's activities as possible.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Mary Smith of LaOtto; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Marty Boros of Spring, Texas, and Nila and Ken Harman of Indianapolis; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Roger and Karen Smith and the Rev. Larry and Rose Ann Smith, all of Churubusco, and David and Jan Smith of Uniondale; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Marilyn and Max Waterson of Huntertown and Phyllis and Norman Meyer of Perham, Minn.; six grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

A brother, Donald Smith, also preceded him in death.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Larry Smith and Pastor Lamar Imes officiating.

Calling will be today from 3-8 p.m. at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church building fund.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
August 17, 2006, Thursday

Donna Begley

CHURCH HILL, Tennessee – Former Ligonier resident Donna Elaine Begley, 43, passed away Friday, August 11, 2006, at her home following an apparent heart attack.

Donna was a native of Morristown, Tenn., but lived in Noble County most of her life before returning to Church Hill, Tenn., six years ago.

She is survived by one daughter, Crystal Hagerman, Kingsport, Tenn.; one son, Joseph Hagerman, Ligonier; and three grandchildren. Other survivors include her mother, Marie Reichard Helton, Church Hill, Tenn.; her stepfather, Larry Reichard, Ligonier; a brother, Dale Reichard, Ligonier; and two sisters, Tammie Andersen, University Park, Iowa; Angela Bales, Kimmell. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Wednesday at the Johnson Funeral Home chapel, Church Hill, Tenn., with the Rev. Bobby Dingus and the Rev. Fain Arnold officiating. Burial took place in McPheeters Bend Cemetery.

The funeral home's website has an on-line legacy for Mrs. Begley at www.johnsonfuneralhome.org.

Frank Miller

LIGONIER — Frank L. Miller, 80, of Ligonier died at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2006, at Avalon Village Nursing Home. He had been ill four years.

Mr. Miller had retired as an apartment manager and had lived in the area 10 years.

He was an Air Force veteran.

Mr. Miller was born Nov. 30, 1925, in Oklahoma.

Surviving are his former spouse and good friend, Bonnie Miller; a son and daughter-in-law, Brandon and Ann Moncrief of Kimmell; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Private family services were held.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 18, 2006, Friday

Richard Divine

RAY — Richard Duane Divine, 79, of Ray died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Divine

Mr. Divine was born Nov. 17, 1926, in Reading, Mich., to George A. and Marie (Scantlin) Divine. He was married to Leona B. Graham on Aug. 23, 1947. She preceded him in death on Nov. 25, 1995.

He worked as an inspector at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola, retiring in 1976. He was a graduate of Reading High School and a U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed working with leather, making belts, wallets and pouches.

He transported members of the Amish community. He enjoyed puzzles, cards and games. He attended the former Ray Community Church and Fairview Missionary Church and taught the Good News Bible to children and adult Sunday school.

Surviving are a daughter, Lois Wicker of Angola; a son, Robert W. Divine of Montgomery, Mich.; three grandchildren, Karissa Sellers, Angel Wicker and Gregory Wicker; and five great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Larry Divine, in 1965; a sister, Roberta Patinella; and his parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Assembly of God Church, Angola, with the Rev. Ronald Moore officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Raymond McClellan

KENDALLVILLE — Raymond S. McClellan, 88, of Kendallville died at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, at Kendallville Manor HealthCare Center.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Levi Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Levi L. Yoder, 87, of Shipshewana died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, at the home he was born in. He had been in declining health.

Mr. Yoder was a lifetime Shipshewana resident.

He was a farmer and minister in the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Nov. 12, 1918, in Shipshewana to Levi and Fannie (Beechy) Yoder. He married Susan Frye on April 4, 1946, in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Vera and Melvin Yoder of Middlebury and Inez and Daniel Miller, Lydia Yoder and Fannie Yoder, all of Shipshewana; two sons and daughters-in-law, Herman and Lydia Yoder of Shipshewana and Richard and Marilyn Yoder of Nappanee; five sisters and a brother-in-law, Martha Troyer and Mary Gingerich, both of Goshen, Edna Miller of Centreville, Mich., and Irma Troyer and Barbara and Alvin Mullet, all of Shipshewana; two sisters-in-law, Mary Yoder of LaGrange and Katy Yoder of Shipshewana; 26 grandchildren; and 39 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Jason Yoder in 2002; five brothers, Alvin, Perry, Aaron, Christian and William Yoder; and a sister, Katie Yoder.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the family residence with Bishop Sam Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Herman Yoder Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Saturday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 19, 2006, Saturday

Antonio Gonzalez

WATERLOO — Antonio G. Gonzalez, 71, of Waterloo died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Gonzalez

Mr. Gonzalez worked on the railroad and also worked at Bohn Aluminum in Butler before retiring in 1998.

He was born Feb. 22, 1935, in San Antonio, Texas, to Sabino and Dionicio (Guiterres) Gonzalez. They preceded him in death.

He married Ernestine Collins on May 31, 1997, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Ruben Gonzalez of Garrett, Antonio "Tony" Gonzalez Jr. and Sandy Gonzalez of Corunna; Lewis "Danny" Gonzalez of Waterloo and John and Linda Gonzalez of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and Gary Thompson of Auburn, Debra and Gregg Iddings of Waterloo and Faith and Rex Deetz of Auburn; two brothers, Juan Gonzalez and Jesse Gonzalez, both of Texas; three sisters, Andrea Ramos, Bene Guerrero and Euqenia Lopez, all of Texas; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; his former wife, Margaret Bishop; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Pedro Gonzalez and Refugio "Joe" Gonzalez, and a great-grandson, Dakota Gonzalez.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Home Health and Hospice.

Imogene Cole

ANGOLA — Imogene Cole, 86, of Angola died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Born in Salyersville, Ky., she attended the Assembly of God Church in Angola.

Surviving are four sons, Billy Ray Workman, Birdine Cole Sr. and Everett Eddie Dean Cole, all of Kenton, Ohio, and Daniel Lee Cole of Bluffton; a daughter, Emma Jean Workman of Kenton, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Lisa Sue Roberts; a brother, Richard Workman of Kenton, Ohio; 30 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Cole, in 2003, and her parents, Dick and Ethel (Nicholas) Workman.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling will be Monday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home and Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Dorothy Bell

WATERLOO — Dorothy Ruth Bell, 82, of Waterloo died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Bell

Mrs. Bell was a retired nurse's aide, having worked at the Butler Hotel Rest Home and Betz Nursing Home. She was a member of the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church.

She was born Oct. 5, 1923, in Blackwater, Tenn., to Grant and Myrtle (Moore) Collins. They preceded her in death.

She married Jessie Bell on Dec. 23, 1940, in Sneedville, Tenn., and he survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Victor Bell of Waterloo and Claude and Sherry Bell of Auburn; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Mabel Robbins of Waterloo, Louise and Dan Call of Waterloo, Brenda and Jeff Bishop of Auburn and Deb Schimpf of Waterloo; a sister, Lucy Mise of Salem; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Bell; a sister, Marie Brewer; and a brother, Kenneth Collins.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 19, 2006, Saturday

Kenton Benninghoff

ANGOLA — Kenton LeRoy Benninghoff, 87, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Benninghoff

Mr. Benninghoff retired from Weatherhead in 1984 after 30 years. He was a farmer in his early years but over the years he worked for Farm Bureau Co-Op, the Indiana State Highway Department, an Ohio gravel pit, Weiss Machine Shop in Angola and a factory in Hillsdale, Mich.

One of his most historic jobs was working for Daley Construction in Angola when they removed the old steel streetcar tracks and resurfaced the streets, then the steel was used for war supplies during World War II.

He loved reminiscing with his family, extended family, friends and neighbors.

He was born in Steuben County on Oct. 4, 1918, to Clyde H. and Della (Mundy) Benninghoff.

He married Betty Jane Bassage on Oct. 12, 1940. She preceded him in death on Sept. 30, 1986.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Betty Benninghoff of Fremont and Darwin and Vicki Benninghoff of Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Della Peel of Angola and Doris and Terry Piatt of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Ruth Myers of Fremont and Beverly Tilbury of Angola.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Blaine, a son-in-law and one grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be at Flint Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour before services on Monday.

Memorials may be made to Flint United Methodist Church.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond McClellan

KENDALLVILLE — Raymond S. McClellan, 88, of Kendallville died at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center in Kendallville.

Mr. McClellan

Mr. McClellan was a bricklayer and mason for Demory Construction in Albion. He was a member of Kendallville Church of Christ.

He was born in Elkhart on Oct. 28, 1917, to Levi and Mary (Shultz) McClellan.

He married Lucille M. Gillespie in Auburn on May 9, 1938. She preceded him in death on April 20, 1999.

He had resided at Kendallville Manor since 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lola Ann and Gary Meeder of Pottersville, Mich., and Teil J. and Rick Neff of Wolcottville; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Larry and Emma McClellan of Topeka, and David L. and Thelma McClellan and Frank McClellan, all of Kendallville; and a sister, Dorothy Powers of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers, one son and one grandson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Stephen Altman of the Kendallville Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery.

Casket bearers will be David McClellan, Frank McClellan, Richard Card, Rick Neff, Jerry Butler, Stan Woods and Larry McClellan.

Calling will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Kendallville Chapel.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Young Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 19, 2006, Saturday

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THE FAMILY OF EARL WEAVER

Wishes to Thank Everyone who was supportive during his illness. Thank You for your prayers, donations of food, flowers, cards and kind words. Special Thanks to the staff of Life Care Center of LaGrange, Sturgis Church of the Nazarene for providing the luncheon, Frurip May Funeral Home for all their assistance. Your expressions of kindness and friendship during this difficult time shall always be remembered.

His Wife, Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

The family of Darlene "Doll" Hicks would like to thank all of our family and friends for their support during our time of sorrow. We would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Rex Flenar and staff, Dr. Dennis Lamp and Staff, Linda Yoder and the Hospice Staff and Mark Gayheart.

Sincerely,
Russel, Sean & Tim

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 20, 2006, Sunday

Tom Melchi remembered as generous

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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FREMONT — If it didn't rain Friday night, Debbie Melchi was planning on going to a Fort Wayne Wizards baseball game.

"I know that's where Tom would have wanted to be," she said brightly.

Debbie's husband Tom had been in failing health for a few years and passed away at home on Aug. 5.

For more than four decades, Tom Melchi of Fremont was a familiar face at meat counters across Steuben County.

He began his career as a meat cutter at Melchi's Family Meat Market in Jamestown Township. That was followed by a 21-year stint at Gay's supermarkets in Angola and Fremont, and nine years at the Orland Town Market — and his wife of 36 years, Debbie, said the job he loved afforded him the opportunity to make many friends over the years.

"He loved his public, and he loved kids," Debbie said. "There wasn't a child he'd pass up. He'd always give them a piece of bologna or a piece of cheese."

Debbie said over 700 people came to pay their last respects to her husband — and many of them remembered Tom from when they were children.

"I couldn't believe how many people came and told me they remembered when they'd be in the store and they'd get a hot dog or piece of bologna from Tom," she said.

Debbie and Tom met when Debbie was working the counter at Melchi's Family Meat Market. She was 16 and Tom was 19.

Tom had agreed to feed horses for a neighbor who was on vacation ... but failed to mention to anyone that he was afraid of horses. He knew Debbie had horses of her own, and asked her to feed the horses for him.

"He was scared to death of horses and he needed me to do it," she said. "So I told him the least he could do was take me out to supper."

Mr. Tom Melchi

Debbie hadn't been able to date before she was 16, and Tom was the first boy who took her out. Their first date developed into a courtship, and the couple were married on July 10, 1970 ... Debbie's 18th birthday.

"He was the first man and only man I ever had a date with," she said.

Debbie said Tom had joked that marrying her on her birthday meant he'd only have to buy her one present and one card that would suffice for both her birthday and their anniversary.

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"But he never did that," she said. "I always got two presents and two cards."

The Melchis had three children. There oldest and youngest were boys, Tom Jr. and Billy, and the middle child was a daughter, Jennie (now Jennie Skeens).

"It was OK that I was the only girl, because then I was always Daddy's little girl. He was kind of my protector ... not that my brothers were that bad or anything," Jennie said.

Jennie said although her dad was a hard and dedicated worker, he always made time for her and her brothers.

"He was real involved with whatever we were doing," she said. "We were all involved in sports, and he would never miss any of our games."

That dedication to family carried over from Tom's kids to his grandchildren.

"My kids are 5 and 11. When they started getting involved in Taekwondo and stuff, he'd come to their tournaments," Jennie said. "Even at the end, when it was hard for him, he'd come. It was like he just had to be there."

Debbie said her husband was a man who was honest and believed in the adage that the customer is always right.

"If someone came back with a complaint — and I'll bet in the 41 years he was a meat cutter there were only a handful — he'd do whatever he had to do to make it right," she said.

For 36 years, Debbie was married to a "big guy with a heart that followed" who loved her and was always happy and cheerful. Tom's large stature belied his true personality, however.

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"He was a real soft person," Debbie said.

Jennie said she was always amazed by how many people knew her father.

"We went on vacation to Wisconsin when I was 9 or 10," she said. "We were in this rest stop or restaurant or something, and this guy says to my dad, 'Hey, Tom, what are you doing here?' I just could never understand how people knew him everywhere we went."

Eight years ago, Tom had a stroke that seriously debilitated the left side of his body. She said he desperately missed going to work, but that he filled his days with going to Fort Wayne Komets and Wizards games and spending time with his grandchildren.

"Tom always told me he didn't understand people who wanted to be on disability," Debbie said. "He missed working and he missed the people."

In June 2004, Tom was diagnosed with end stage renal disease. He also had severe vascular disease and suffered from diabetes.

A spider bite led to the amputation of two toes on his left foot in February of this year, followed by the amputation of half of the foot in March.

"Then the right foot started going," Debbie said. "It was just destroying him inch by inch."

His health issues may have been destroying Tom's body, but they never quashed his spirit or his desire to do things with his family.

"Dad and my daughter Alexis had a very special relationship," Jennie said. "Shortly after the amputation, he was out in the garage teaching her how to pitch a softball from his wheelchair."

Tom was a man of great faith. He was "saved" on April 30 and baptized at home on May 4.

Jennie said her parents taught her and her brother simple life lessons that Tom also tried to impart on his grandchildren.

"He wanted us not to be mean to people and to treat them with respect," she said.

Tom was doing dialysis treatments, but the day before he died — a Friday — he told Debbie he didn't want to go through it.

"He said, 'If I'm still here Monday, I'll go to dialysis. If I'm not here, I'm walking with the Lord.' He died on Saturday," she said.

Debbie said early mornings are the hardest for her without Tom.

"That was when we'd eat our breakfast and start our day together," she said. "I couldn't be more proud of him. I miss him terribly, and I always will."

Debbie said she tries to remind her children and herself that although he was young, Tom lived a full life.

"He was only 57, but he did more things in his life than a lot of men ever do," she said.

Kermit Smith

FORT WAYNE — Kermit W. Smith, 97, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006 at Hospice Home.

He was a farmer and had worked at Kendallville Foundry, retiring in 1962. He was a U.S. Marine and served in World War II and in the Korean Conflict.

He was born May 28, 1909 in Kendallville to Guy and Bertha (Stonebraker) Smith.

Surviving are nieces Joan Gres and her husband, Phil, of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Pat Fark of Fort Wayne, with whom he lived; and five great-nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Leona, and two sisters, Ruth Smith and Eunice Schwartz.

There will be no services or calling. The Young Family Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Burial is at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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Cory Hankey

BUTLER — Cory J. Hankey, 19, of Butler, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a graduate of Eastside High School.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather, Gloria and Jessie Bard of Butler; his father, Donald Hankey and his father's friend Char; a brother, Ryan Hankey of Butler; two sisters, Tiffani O'Brien of Butler and Jenny O'Brien and her fiance Robert Zimmerman Jr. of Butler; a niece, Alexis Zimmerman of Butler; paternal grandparents Alvin and Marcile Hankey of Butler; maternal grandmother Leora Daniels of Butler, and many aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Wallace Daniels.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be made online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Harry Weinhold

HAMILTON — Harry "Lloyd" Weinhold, 89, of Hamilton, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006 at his rural home.

He was a lifetime Steuben County farmer.

He was born Nov. 27, 1916 in DeKalb County to Milo and Lennie (Albright) Weinhold.

On Sept. 27, 1941 he married Pearl Casselman in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and their spouses, Dannie and Christine Weinhold of Auburn and Steven Weinhold and Nancy Mowrey of Hamilton; two daughters and their husbands, Charlene and Jack Everetts of Columbus, Ohio, and Gloria and Ray Stanton of Louisville, Texas; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Bradley and Sue Everetts, Jason and Stacy Everetts, Nathan Weinhold, Sabrina and Rayshawn Nowlin, Aaron Weinhold, Jeanette and Mark Manning, Douglas Stanton, and Ginger and John Borer; and seven great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two sisters, Velma Richey and Lucille Osbun; and one brother, Harold Weinhold.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Bob Herman officiating. Burial will be at Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Kathy Long

GOSHEN — Kathy L. Long, 56, of Goshen, died at 7:06 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital. She had worked at Banks Lumber Co. in Elkhart. She loved collecting koala bear memorabilia.

Mrs. Long

She was a member of the Faith Baptist Church.

Mrs. Long was born Dec. 25, 1949, in Elkhart to Perry J. and Florence (Marks) Miller.

She married Terry Long Sept. 21, 1991, in Elkhart. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, James Frame of Elkhart and Cade and Heather Clark of Granger; two grandchildren; three sisters, Judy Hogendobler of Goshen, Virginia Yoder and her husband Keith of Mishawaka, and Phyllis Dozier and her husband Kelly of Goshen; a stepsister, Verba DeMauro of Elkart; her stepmother, Fannie Miller of Elkhart; and two stepbrothers and their wives, Vernon and Judy Miller of Elkhart and Nelson and Karen Miller of Shelbyville.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a stepbrother, Delbert Miller.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Faith Baptist Church in Middlebury, the Rev. Donald Chesher officiating.

There is no calling. The Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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WN teen dies from accident injuries

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LIGONIER — Sadness spread through the West Noble area this morning following news of the death of Cromwell teenager Haylee Watts, who was injured in an auto accident on Aug. 11.

Watts, 18, died this morning at 3:20 a.m. at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been there since the Aug. 11 accident and was in a coma for most of that time, after suffering serious head and neck injuries in the one-car accident.

Watts graduated from West Noble High School in June and was preparing to attend college later this month. The popular girl had been selected as her school's senior prom queen in May, was a member of the cross country and track teams, served as a manager of the Charger basketball team and was involved in many other clubs and activities.

Watts

Her parents are Cheryl and Taylor Watts III. Her mother is a longtime employee of West Noble School Corp. as a teacher's assistant at the middle school. Her father is on the Cromwell Town Council and an officer with the Sparta Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The news hit especially hard in West Noble's school buildings, where teachers, administrators and students were also coping with the start of the school year.

Funeral services for Miss Watts are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

The cause of her accident remains unknown and now may never be known.

Deputy Chris Moriarity of the Noble County Sheriff's Department said last week the circumstances surrounding the accident made it a "mystery."

Watts was driving on C.R. 525W, between Wawaka and Ligonier, when the accident occurred. She had just pulled out of the driveway of a friend's home at about 11:15 p.m. when, for reasons unknown, her car left the road and went into a ditch. Her car struck a concrete culvert. She was wearing a seat belt and the air bag deployed on her 1994 Pontiac Grand Am.

There were no witnesses and she was found minutes later by friends. She was first taken to Parkview Noble Hospital and then rushed to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she underwent emergency surgery.

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Esther Owen

ALBION — Esther H. Owen, 89, of Albion died at 12:20 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Owen had been the office manager of the Noble County American and had worked in the circulation department at The News-Sun.

She had moved to Skinner Lake in October 1962 from Kendallville.

Mrs. Owen was a member of the Noble County Historical Society and the Genealogy Society.

She loved to fish and mushroom hunt and everything related to nature.

She was born May 14, 1917, in Chicago to Brice W. and Mary Eva (Jerome) Hall. She married Richard B. Owen II on Oct. 5, 1935, in Kendallville. He died Oct. 11, 1992.

Surviving are three sons, George Owen of Corunna and Brice Owen and Jim Owen, both of Albion; 10 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard B. Owen III; a grandson, Kenneth Owen; a half brother, Leslie D. Penney; and a sister, Gladys E. Dust.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Elder John Owen officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Noble County Historical Society or the Sweet Church Restoration Project.

Gerry Gentle

MILLERSBURG — Gerry F. Gentle, 65, of Millersburg died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Gentle

Mrs. Gentle had formerly lived in McClure, Ohio.

She had worked as a greeter at Wal-Mart for many years.

Mrs. Gentle enjoyed playing computer games and chatting with friends online.

She was a member of the American Legion in Millersburg.

She was born Aug. 24, 1940, in McClure to Burl and Hazel Hines.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Monica Oglesbee of Millersburg and John and Tiffany Oglesbee of Syracuse; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Geri and Gorth Grigsby of Kimmell, Bridget De La Cruz of Syracuse, Vickie and Ted Roney of Kinsgley, Mich., Cindy Davis of Ligonier and Jodi and Joe Koss of Millersburg; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Lois and Charles Carver of Kaleva, Mich., and Alice Glancey of Irons, Mich.; an aunt, Alice Light of McClure; 21 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and eight stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters; a brother; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Kline Funeral Home in Millersburg with Brother Earl Rose of Freewill Baptist Church officiating.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Haylee Watts

CROMWELL — Haylee B. Watts, 18, of Cromwell died at 3:20 a.m. today, Aug. 21, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries she sustained in an automobile accident Friday, Aug. 11.

Services are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Mary Winebrenner

ALBION — Mary "Evelyn" Winebrenner, 76, of Albion died Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Rev. Dr. Elwood Zimmerman

FORT WAYNE — The Rev. Dr. Elwood H. Zimmerman, 86, former president of the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006.

Born in Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 29, 1919, he graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., in 1944. He spent his entire active ministry in the Lutheran Church.

He served as vacancy pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, in the late 1960s.

He was president of the Indiana District from 1970-88. After retirement, he was awarded the title of "honorary president" of the district.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Betty; a daughter; three sons, and six grandsons.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1126 S. Barr St., with calling one hour prior to the service at the church.

Calling will also be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

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Fund established to aid Watts family

LIGONIER — A special fund has been established at Lake City Bank to help the Taylor and Cheryl Watts family with medical and related expenses following an accident that took the life of their daughter, 18-year-old Haylee Watts of Cromwell, who died Monday.

Watts' mother, Cheryl Watts, works at West Noble Middle School. Co-workers there set up a special fund for the family at Lake City Bank, "For the benefit of Haylee Watts."

"Everyone is wanting to know what they can do," said Helen Terry, middle school secretary and friend of the family. "So we started up this fund for the family to use however they need it most."

People can drop off donations at West Noble Middle School or at any of the three Lake City Bank locations in Ligonier or Cromwell.

Alvin Lowe

LAGRANGE — Alvin Lowe, 78, of LaGrange died Monday, Aug. 14, 2006, at LifeCare Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Lowe had owned and operated gas stations in Marseilles, Ill.

He was born Aug. 21, 1927, in Marseille to Alvin Sr. and Pearl (Edwards) Lowe.

Surviving are two sons, Donald Lowe of Marseilles and Jim Lowe of Arizona; and two daughters, Karen and Vickie, both of Arizona.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Shultz

ORLANDO, Fla. — Richard Douglas Shultz, 74, died Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006, at South Seminole Hospital in Orlando, Fla.

Mr. Shultz

Mr. Shultz was a retired partner of Schenkel & Shultz Architects Inc. of Fort Wayne, established in 1968. He was the founder and president of Construction Control Corp. in 1970 and a founding member of the Construction Management Association of America in 1983 and its first president.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a contributing member of Messiah Lutheran Church.

He loved people, traveling the world with his wife, Millie, sailing and golfing and particularly enjoyed being around water.

He was an athlete when young, excelling in both basketball and track, and loved watching sports, particularly college basketball and golf. He still may hold the track record for running the mile at Butler High School and was ranked fifth in the state during his career.

Mr. Shultz was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Mildred, in May of this year, and his father and mother, Ralph and Gladys (Cook) Shultz.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cynthia and Gary Andrew of Wolcottville, Leslie Sample of Fort Wayne and Laura and Mike Sellars of Orlando, Fla.; a sister, Marilyn Williams; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Wendall and Carol Shultz of Sun City West, Ariz., Clifford Shultz, M.D., and his wife, Elaine, of Fort Wayne, and Philip Shultz, M.D., of Madison, Wis.; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A son-in-law, Leonard Sample, and a brother-in-law, Robert Williams, also preceded him in death.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Messiah Lutheran Church, at the corner of Lahmeyer and Stellhorn Roads, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Carl Satre will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-8 pm at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, and Thursday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Iva Hufnagle

ANGOLA — Iva L. "Johnnie" Hufnagle, 77, of Angola died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Hufnagle

Mrs. Hufnagle was born June 1, 1929, in Clairfield, Tenn., to Henry and Myrtle (Hoover) Williams. She was married to Floyd Hufnagle on May 15, 1982. He survives.

She was a caregiver at Community Living in Butler. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church, Angola, and enjoyed doing crafts and knitting.

Surviving are a son, Dirk Russell of Angola; two daughters, Teresa Cook of Angola and Gwen Slone of Pleasant Lake; three stepdaughters, Bernice Herndon of Farmland and Evelyn Gleason and Jane Bauhof, both of Fremont; three brothers, Harold Williams of Fort Wayne, Virgil Williams of Indianapolis and J.B. Williams of Chicago; three grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. David Doane officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Calvary Lutheran Church, 1300 N. Williams St., Angola, IN 46703.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about surviving relatives.*

Imogene Cole

ANGOLA — Imogene Cole, 86, of Angola died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Born in Salyersville, Ky., she attended the Assembly of God Church in Angola.

Surviving are four sons, Billy Ray Workman, Birdine Cole Sr. and Everett Eddie Dean Cole, all of Kenton, Ohio, and Daniel Lee Cole of Bluffton; a daughter, Emma Jean Workman of Kenton, Ohio; a two stepdaughters, Sandy Workman of Kenton, Ohio, and Lisa Sue Roberts; a stepson, Ned Allen Cole of Florida; a brother, Richard Workman of Kenton, Ohio; 30 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Cole, in 2003, and her parents, Dick and Ethel (Nicholas) Workman.

Services were to be held today at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the family.

Evelyn Winebrenner

ALBION — Evelyn M. Winebrenner, 82, of Albion died at 10:22 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Winebrenner had lived most of her life in Albion and Florida.

She had been a machinist at Monsanto in Ligonier for 19 years.

She was born April 18, 1924, in Orland to Almond D. and Doris Pauline (Houtz) Starrett. She married Paul Melvin Winebrenner on Feb. 10, 1940, in Auburn. He died Aug. 8, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gail and Betty Winebrenner and Dale Winebrenner, all of Albion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lois and Marvin Mullinax of Robbinsville, N.C., and Paulette and Mike McDonald of Millersburg; a brother, Elmer Starrett of Paragold, Ark.; two sisters, Ada Winebrenner of Fremont and Marion Neadstine of Orland; a sister-in-law, Beverly Starrett of Orland; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Connie Winebrenner; and a brother, Charles Starrett.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Estelle Slagle

KENDALLVILLE — Estelle A. Slagle, 85, of Kendallville died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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Haylee Watts

CROMWELL — Haylee B. Watts, 18, of Cromwell died at 3:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, from injuries she sustained in a one-car accident Aug. 11 in rural Noble County.

Miss Watts

Miss Watts was a 2006 graduate of West Noble High School where she had been elected prom queen.

She had been a three-year member of the cross country team, four-year member of the track team, served four years as boys varsity baseball team manager, was a member of the yearbook staff and was involved in making this year's senior video.

She was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church and The Small Youth Group.

Miss Watts had enrolled at Baker College in Muskegon, Mich., for the fall term and planned to major in elementary education.

She had worked at Dairy Queen for three months.

Miss Watts enjoyed camping, photography and spending time with her friends.

She was born March 20, 1988, in Goshen to Taylor Watts III and Cheryl L. (Bontrager) Watts. They survive in Cromwell.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Sarah and Patrick "Pete" Wroblewski; her maternal grandfather, Levi M. Bontrager of Ligonier; a niece, Taylor; and three nephews, Gage, Dakota and Chase.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stone's Hill Road, Ligonier.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers will be Aaron Huskisson, Levi Huskisson, Patrick Bontrager, Patrick "Pete" Wroblewski, Jason Watts and Dewy Bontrager.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Stone's Hill Community Church Youth Group.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Martin Brandenberger

NEW HAVEN — The Rev. Martin L. Brandenberger, 83, died Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at 11:27 p.m.

Rev. Brandenberger

The Rev. Brandenberger founded and pastored at the Fairhaven Mennonite Church for 23 years. He retired from D.J. Brandenberger Inc., after 45 years. He was a devoted member of the Mennonite Church and was active in the Assembly of God 50 Plus club. He served as a conscientious objector for four years at Norristown, Pa.

He was born in New Haven on Sept. 24, 1922, to Jacob and Leah (Graber) Brandenberger.

He married Loraine Nofziger on March 19, 1947, at Central Mennonite Church in Archbold, Ohio, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Marvin L. and Mary Jo Brandenberger of Sarasota, Fla., Dan and Sue Brandenberger of New Haven and Jay and Nancy Brandenberger of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marlene and Tom VerMeulen of Angola and Mary Lou Brandenberger of New Haven; 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, D.J. and Elsie Brandenberger of Fort Wayne; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Anna Mae and Enos Steury of Quincy, Mich., and Irene and Rueben Steury of Grabill.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Maplewood Mennonite Church, 4129 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Yaggy Cemetery at Grabill.

Calling will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Friends of Israel or the Mennonite Central Committee.

The Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville, is handling arrangements.

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Ethel Calvin

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Ethel G. Calvin, 94, died Friday, Aug. 18, 2006, at Port Charlotte Hospice in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Mrs. Calvin

Born in rural Putman County, Ohio, she was a clerk and cashier for J.J. Newberry for 23 years, retiring in 1973.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Calvin of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Joan Meeks of Auburn; two sisters, Hazel Walker and Bertha McDougle, both of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marion L. and Mary Broach McDougle; her husband, Robert R. Calvin, in 1965; a brother, Carl McDougle, and a great-grandchild, Jessie Meek.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with the Rev. Paul Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Tidewell Hospice, 144 Veronica St., Port Charlotte, FL 33953.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Esther Owen

ALBION — Esther H. Owen, 89, of Albion died at 12:20 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Owen had been the office manager of the Noble County American and had worked in the circulation department at The News-Sun.

She had moved to Skinner Lake in October 1962 from Kendallville.

Mrs. Owen was a member of the Noble County Historical Society and the Genealogy Society.

She loved to fish and mushroom hunt and everything related to nature.

She was born May 14, 1917, in Chicago to Brice W. and Mary Eva (Jerome) Hall. She married Richard B. Owen II on Oct. 5, 1935, in Kendallville. He died Oct. 11, 1992.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, George and Carol Owen of Corunna and Brice and Sharon Owen and Jim and Laura Owen, all of Albion; 10 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard B. Owen III; a grandson, Kenneth Owen; a half brother, Leslie D. Penney; and a sister, Gladys E. Dust.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Elder John Owen officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Noble County Historical Society or the Sweet Church Restoration Project.

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Irma Strong

KALISPELL, Mont. — Irma Venise (Singleton) Strong, 94, of Kalispell and formerly of Albion died Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006. She was a resident of Lakeview Care Center.

Mrs. Strong was born July 1, 1912, to John V. and Edith (Cook) Singleton in Adams County, and grew up in Noble County. She graduated in 1930 at the top of her class at Albion. Her father was Noble County sheriff and she lived at the jail in Albion as a teenager.

Following her marriage to E. Allen Strong on Dec. 24, 1932, she lived in Elkhart and Goshen. The couple then returned to the Albion area. In 1977 they moved to Bigfork, Mont. Following the death of her husband in 1992, she moved to Columbia Falls and later lived with her daughter in Kalispell.

She was a talented musician, vocalist and actress. She gave piano lessons, gardened, cooked and sewed. She was a Sunday school teacher, 4-H leader, president of the PTA, avid reader and skilled Scrabble player.

Mrs. Strong loved to travel.

Surviving are two daughters, Janet and Joy; four sons, John, Arthur, Paul and Bill; three sisters, Phylis Braa of Powell, Wyo., Edith Welling of Lynchburg, Va., and Mary Rose Stouffer of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Hubert Singleton, Arthur Singleton and John Singleton; and three sisters, Lelah Walters, Helen Harris and Gloria Portmess.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Columbia Mortuary in Columbia Falls, Mont.

Memorials are to the Presbyterian Church in Albion or the Heritage Living Center in Ashland, Mont. Donations to the Heritage Living Center may be sent to Northern Cheyenne Elders, Soaring Eagle, P.O. Drawer 879, Billings, MT 59103 or at www.soaringeagle.org.

Estelle Slagle

KENDALLVILLE — Estelle A. Slagle, 85, of Kendallville died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville, where she had been a resident for three weeks.

Mrs. Slagle

Mrs. Slagle attended Spencerian Business College in Louisville, Ky., and had worked as a secretary for several years.

She was an avid reader and golfer.

Mrs. Slagle was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Elks Ladies, VFW Auxiliary No. 2749 and American Legion Post 240.

She was born Aug. 26, 1920, in Louisville to John and Agnes (Horn) Leppert. She married Eugene Slagle on May 6, 1944, in Louisville. He died July 9, 1983.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Michael Davis of Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Betsy Slagle of Fort Wayne and Thomas and Patti Slagle of Oaklawn, Ill.; and 13 grandchildren, Ian Slagle, Derek Slagle, Ethan Slagle, Justin Slagle, Damon Slagle, Keaton Slagle, Grant Davis, Keith Davis, Moe Slagle, Michael Slagle, Kaycee Sakal, Jake Sakal and Luke Sakal.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Leona Cartwright, and three brothers, Harold Leppert, Louis Leppert and Norbert Leppert.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Lourdino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Masses to the church.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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Phyllis Welches

MARKLE — Phyllis A. Welches, 74, of Markle died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at Markle Health Care.

Mrs. Welches was a retired kindergarten teacher at Lancaster Elementary School. She graduated from Petroleum High School in 1949 and received her bachelor's degree from Manchester College in 1955. She later earned her master's degree from Ball State University.

She was born Sept. 5, 1931, in Bluffton to Ray and Leota (Walser) Terhune.

On June 22, 1952, she married Garth Welches in Redkey. He died in 2004.

Surviving are two sons, Steve Welches of Garrett and Joseph Welches of Zanesville; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Eric Springer of Uniondale; a sister, Becky Starr of Ossian; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton, with Pastor Mike Wertenberger officiating. Burial will be at Six Mile Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. today and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home in Bluffton.

Memorials are to Family Hospice of Northeast Indiana or Markle Health Care.

Erma Page

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Erma L. Page, 93, died Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at The Cedars in Leo-Cedarville.

Born in Allen County, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Leo United Methodist Church (for 73 years) and the U.M. Women's Society and was a Sunday school teacher for 28 years, teaching second-graders.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Pam Page of Auburn; four grandchildren and their spouses, Sean and Shawn Page of Auburn, Kimberly and Andrew Guack of Greensburg, Jeff and Dawn Coons of Angola and Suzanne and Jason Shearer of Garrett; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Windred C. in 1980; a son, Jerry Page in 1985; and a brother, Earl L. Schowe.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, with the Rev. Toni Carmer officiating. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Leo United Methodist Church.

Thelma Harter

FORT WAYNE — Thelma J. Harter, 69, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at Parkview North Hospital.

Mrs. Harter had retired in 1999 after 24 years in data processing with Food Marketing.

She was a member of the Food Marketing Retirees.

Mrs. Harter was a native of Corunna.

Survivors include three sons and a daughter-in-law, Timothy Harter and Terrence Harter, both of Fort Wayne, and Jerald and Cheryl Harter of Kendallville; two daughters, Janice M. Harter and Sheila Harter, both of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Sandy Altimus of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elvin "Gene" Harter, earlier this year; and a brother, Earl Altimus.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Kidney Foundation.

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The family of Curtis Link would like to thank everyone who said a prayer, sent a card, prepared food or spoke words of comfort during the illness and loss of our father, grandfather and brother. A special thank you to the staff of Wesley Healthcare, Dr. Mason, DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Feller and Clark Funeral Home, and Steve Boyd of Cedar Lake Church.

God bless everyone,
Larry & Terie Bauman
Opal & Ryan Link
Max & Emily Fetzer
Todd & Amie Bauman
Bob & Carol Lawson

Violet Greenawalt

ANGOLA — Violet N. Greenawalt, 81, of Angola died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Mary Smith

FORT WAYNE — Mary Ellen Smith, 81, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at Wesley Health Care Center in Auburn.

Mrs. Smith was a homemaker and native of Fort Wayne.

She was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Rosary Society and volunteered for the March of Dimes, Cancer Society and other charities.

Surviving are a daughter, Cynthia Smith of Fort Wayne; three sons, Allen Smith of Avilla, Kevin Smith of Fort Wayne and Douglas Smith of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Frank Murphy and Larry Murphy, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Peggy White and Annie Murphy, both of Fort Wayne, and Helen Pluta of Justice, Ill.; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen Smith Jr.; a grandson, Jim Smith; and a daughter-in-law, Mary Lou Smith.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with a vigil at 4 p.m.

Memorials are to CARES Foundation, 2414 Morris Ave. Suite 110, Union, NJ 07083.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 23, 2006, Wednesday

Max Smith

CHURUBUSCO -- Max E. Smith, 77, a resident of Heffelfinger Road, in rural Churubusco, died unexpectedly Tuesday afternoon, August 15, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Max was born February 16, 1929, in Allen County, a son of the late Leo D. and Dorothy O. (Hively) Smith. He had lived in the Huntertown and Churubusco area all of his life. He began his elementary education at Center School House in Eel River Township with his sisters, Phyllis, Marilyn, and brother, Donald until it closed in 1936. He graduated in 1947 from Huntertown High School. After high school, Max served his country as a medic in the Korean War, where he received the Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Star. Upon returning from Korea, he began farming and was united in marriage to L. Darlene Dice on November 27, 1954. Max continued to farm and also drove a school bus for North Allen County Schools. Max entered the construction business working with Bruce McComb for a number of years. He later operated a construction business, Darleone Homes, with partner Morris Bracht of Huntertown. Max retired in 1996 from NACS, previously serving as a bus driver and finishing up on the custodial staff at the middle school. Max was very involved with the Fellowship of Wesley Chapel where he helped with many building projects and was involved with teaching Sunday School and leading worship. He assisted in construction of the newest church addition.

Surviving are his wife, Darlene, their children, Brad and Mary Smith of LaOtto, Cynthia and Marty Boros of Spring, Texas, and Nila and Ken Harman of Indianapolis, Indiana; eight brothers, Roger and Karen Smith, Rev. Larry and Rose Ann Smith, both of Churubusco, David and Jan Smith of Uniondale; two sisters, Marilyn and Max Waterson of Huntertown and Phyllis and Norman Meyer of Perham, Minn; six grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Smith.

The funeral was Friday at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church with Pastor Larry Smith and Pastor Lamar Imes officiating.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Church Building fund.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Ester H. Owen, 89

ALBION - Esther H. Owen, 89, of Albion died at 12:20 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Owen had been the office manager of the Noble County American and had worked in the circulation department at The News-Sun.

She had moved to Skinner Lake in October 1962 from Kendallville.

Mrs. Owen was a member of the Noble County Historical Society and the Genealogy Society.

She loved to fish and mushroom hunt and everything related to nature.

She was born May 14, 1917, in Chicago to Brice W. and Mary Eva (Jerome) Hall. She married Richard B. Owen II on Oct. 5, 1935, in Kendallville. He died Oct. 11, 1992.

Surviving are three sons, George (Carol) Owen of Corunna and Brice (Sharon) Owen and Jim (Laura) Owen, both of Albion; 10 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard B. Owen III; a grandson, Kenneth Owen; a half brother, Leslie D. Penney; and a sister, Gladys E. Dust.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Elder John Owen officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Noble County Historical Society or the Sweet Church Restoration Project.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Halley B. Watts, 18

CROMWELL - Halley B. Watts, 18 of Cromwell, IN died at 3:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries in a single vehicle collision on August 11, 2006 in rural Noble County.

Miss Watts had been employed by Dairy Queen in Ligonier for the past 3 months.

She lived all her life in the Cromwell community.

Miss Watts was a member of Stones Hill Community Church and The Small Youth Group.

Her hobbies included camping, photography, and having fun with her friends.

She was a 2006 West Noble graduate and Prom Queen. Halley was active in Cross County for 3 years, Track for 4 years, Manager for the Boy's Varsity Basketball team for 4 years, part of the year book staff and was involved in the making of the senior year video. She was enrolled to attend Bakers College starting in the fall in Muskeegn, MI, planning to major in Elementary Education.

She was born March 20, 1988, in Goshen, IN to Taylor Watts III and Cheryl L. (Bontrager) Watts. Both reside in Cromwell.

Surviving are one sister, Sarah (Patrick/Pete) Wroblewski; Maternal grandfather, Levi M. Bontrager of Ligonier; a niece Taylor; and three nephews Gage, Dakota and Chase.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at Stones Hill Community Church, 151 West Stone Hill Rd., Ligonier, IN.

Services will be friday at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Pallbearers are Aaron and Levi Huskisson, Patrick Bontrager, Patrick "Pete" Wroblewski, Jason Watts and Dewy Bontrager.

Memorials are to Stones Hill Community Church Youth Group.

Evelyn M Winebrenner, 82

ALBION - Evelyn M. Winebrenner 82, of Albion died at 10:22 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN.

Mrs. Winebrenner had been a machinist at Monsanto in Ligonier for 19 years.

She lived most of her life in Florida and Albion, IN.

She was born in Orland, IN to Almond David and Doris Pauline (Houtz) Starrett. She married Paul Melvin Winebrenner on Feb. 10, 1940, in Auburn. He died Aug. 8, 2001.

Surviving are two sons, Gail (Betty) Winebrenner, Dale Winebrenner, both of Albion; two daughters, Lois (Marvin) Mullinax of Robbinsville, NC, and Paulette (Mike) McDonald of Millersburg, IN; one brother. Elmer Starrett of Paragold, AK, two sisters, Ada Winebrenner of Fremont, IN and Marion Neadstine of Orland, IN, one sister-in-law Beverly Starrett of Orland; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Connie Winebrenner and a brother, Charles Starrett.

Visitation will be from 4-8, Wednesday, August 23 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Services are at 10 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland at a later date..

THE NEWS SUN
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August 24, 2006, Thursday

Memories of a friend

Haylee Watts remembered for her caring spirit, humor

BY JULIANA CASILLAS
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LIGONIER — She was everyone's friend, and there was never a dull moment when she was around.

That's how everyone who had the pleasure of knowing 18-year-old Haylee Watts remembers her.

Watts, of Cromwell, died Monday morning from injuries she received in a one-car accident on Aug. 11 in rural Noble County. Services for Miss Watts are at 11 a.m. Friday at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stone's Hill Road, Ligonier.

Watts

Friendship and laughter are what West Noble High School senior Alyssa Schermerhorn remembers about her friend.

"She was always very caring and very genuine," said Schermerhorn. "She was always herself and she would talk to everyone without caring if it was the most popular or least popular student in school."

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Watts, who was a 2006 West Noble High School graduate and was enrolled at Baker College in Muskegon, Mich., where she planned to attend this fall to major in education, is also remembered by many as very giving and kind.

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Shepherd-Gibbons said she met Watts during her senior year of school in media production class and thought she was the neatest kid.

"She would always bring me Dove chocolate, which she liked a lot," said Shepherd-Gibbons, who had Watts for three hours a day in her classes — including media production, yearbook/newspaper and as a teacher assistant.

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Kathryn Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Kathryn A. Becker, 54, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, at her home.

Survivors include her husband, Marion.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Dale Torrez

LANCASTER, Ohio — Dale Torrez, 48, of Lancaster and formerly of Auburn died this morning at home.

Mr. Torrez is survived by his wife, Karen, and two children.

Funeral services and burial will take place in Auburn.

Services are pending at a Lancaster funeral home.

Glen Fuelling

HARLAN — Glen Frederick Fuelling, 81, of Frankfort, Ohio, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at Valley View Alzheimer Care Center.

He was born May 13, 1925, in Allen County.

Surviving are two sisters, Elinor Beedy of Auburn and Dolly Smith of Harlan, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home at Harlan. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery near Harlan.

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Violet Greenawalt

ANGOLA — Violet N. Greenawalt, 81, of Angola died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Greenawalt

Mrs. Greenawalt was born Dec. 5, 1924, in Millgrove Township, Steuben County to Ellisworth Forrester and Maude (Shaver) Forrester Wren. She was married to Elton Joseph Greenawalt on Dec. 31, 1950. He survives.

She was a homemaker. She was an Orland High School graduate and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. She enjoyed sewing, reading and gardening. She attended Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Linda Greenawalt of Reno, Nev., Scott Greenawalt of Tulsa, Okla., and Kevin and Donna Greenawalt of Rapid City, S.D.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Tim Seiler of Bronson, Mich., and Jill and Charles Collins of Angola; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Doyne and Loretta Forrester and Donald and Loretta Forrester; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Leta Rodgers and Ilarene and Nelson Sperry; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and three brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Memorials are to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church or Steuben County Cancer Association.

Janice Witthaus

FORT WAYNE — Janice L. Witthaus, 76, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

She was a caseworker with the Allen County Welfare Department for 10 years, retiring in 1998.

She loved genealogy and was a member of the First Assembly of God.

Surviving are a son, Rick Shumaker of Antioch, Tenn.; a brother and sister-in-law, Eugene and Deloris Hammer of Auburn; a sister, Sharlene Price of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Her husband, Paul L. Witthaus, preceded her in death.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Pastor Don Williams will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Assembly of God.

Lawrence Wiler

LINCOLN, Neb. — Retired Chief Master Sgt. Lawrence M. "Tuffy" Wiler, 72, of Lincoln died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006.

Mr. Wiler was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War and served two tours of duty in Vietnam.

He was formerly employed at Brunswick Corp. in Lincoln.

Mr. Wiler was a member of DAV Post 7, Valparaiso American Legion Post 371 and VFW Post 3606.

He was born Aug. 7, 1933, in Ashley to Russell Sr. and Kathren (Bartels) Wiler.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Sandra Wiler of Lincoln; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Mark Petersen of Lincoln; two granddaughters, Destiny Wiler and Ashleigh Lang; a great-grandson; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Berdena and Dean Norris of Auburn, Roberta Whittig of Ashley and Marcia and A.J. Forbes of Pleasant Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Russell Wiler Jr. and Duane Wiler; and two sisters, Madelyne and Evelyn.

Services were today at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home.

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Haylee Watts

CROMWELL — Haylee B. Watts, 18, of Cromwell died at 3:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, from injuries she sustained in a one-car accident Aug. 11 in rural Noble County.

Miss Watts

Miss Watts was a 2006 graduate of West Noble High School where she had been elected prom queen.

She had been a three-year member of the cross country team, four-year member of the track team, served four years as boys varsity baseball team manager, was a member of the yearbook staff and was involved in making this year's senior video.

She was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church and The Small Youth Group.

Miss Watts had enrolled at Baker College in Muskegon, Mich., for the fall term and planned to major in elementary education.

She had worked at Dairy Queen for three months.

Miss Watts enjoyed camping, photography and spending time with her friends.

She was born March 20, 1988, in Goshen to Taylor Watts III and Cheryl L. (Bontrager) Watts. They survive in Cromwell.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Sarah and Patrick "Pete" Wroblewski; her maternal grandfather, Levi M. Bontrager of Ligonier; a niece, Taylor; and three nephews, Gage, Dakota and Chase.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Stone's Hill Community Church, 151 W. Stone's Hill Road, Ligonier.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers will be Aaron Huskisson, Levi Huskisson, Patrick Bontrager, Patrick "Pete" Wroblewski, Jason Watts and Dewy Bontrager.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Stone's Hill Community Church Youth Group.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Fund established to aid Watts family

LIGONIER — A special fund has been established at Lake City Bank to help the Taylor and Cheryl Watts family with medical and related expenses following an accident that took the life of their daughter, 18-year-old Haylee Watts of Cromwell, who died Monday.

Watts' mother, Cheryl Watts, works at West Noble Middle School. Co-workers there set up a special fund for the family at Lake City Bank, "For the benefit of Haylee Watts."

"Everyone is wanting to know what they can do," said Helen Terry, middle school secretary and friend of the family. "So we started up this fund for the family to use however they need it most."

People can drop off donations at West Noble Middle School or at any of the three Lake City Bank locations in Ligonier or Cromwell.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Gerry Gentle

MILLERSBURG — Gerry F. Gentle, 65, of Millersburg died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Gentle

Mrs. Gentle had formerly lived in McClure, Ohio.

She had worked as a greeter at Wal-Mart for many years.

Mrs. Gentle enjoyed playing computer games and chatting with friends online.

She was a member of the American Legion in Millersburg.

She was born Aug. 24, 1940, in McClure to Burl and Hazel Hines.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Monica Oglesbee of Millersburg and John and Tiffany Oglesbee of Syracuse; five daughters and three sons-in-law, Geri and Gorth Grigsby of Kimmell, Bridget De La Cruz of Syracuse, Vickie and Ted Roney of Kinsgley, Mich., Cindy Davis of Ligonier and Jodi and Joe Koss of Millersburg; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Lois and Charles Carver of Kaleva, Mich., and Alice Glancey of Irons, Mich.; an aunt, Alice Light of McClure; 21 grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and eight stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters; a brother; and a great-grandchild.

Services were Tuesday at Kline Funeral Home in Millersburg with Brother Earl Rose of Freewill Baptist Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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August 25, 2006, Friday

Kathryn Becker

KENDALLVILLE — Kathryn Ann Becker, 54, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug, 23, 2006, at her home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Becker

Mrs. Becker had been a homemaker and in the past had been the dietary manager at Kendallville Manor Healthcare for four years. She had also worked in bookkeeping at Campbell & Fetter Bank.

She enjoyed sewing, catering and spending time with her family and friends.

Mrs. Becker was a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

She was a 1970 graduate of East Noble High School.

She was born Nov. 5, 1951, in Kendallville to Arthur and Anita (Antrup) Kammerer. She married Marion K. Becker on May 19, 1973, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Andrew Becker and Amanda Hodge of Kendallville; a daughter, Brittany Becker of Kendallville; a stepson, Robert Becker of Kendallville; a stepdaughter, Christine Becker of Minnesota; a sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Jim Huffman of Granger; a brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Pam Kammerer of Kendallville; and a sister-in-law, Betty Kammerer of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Jack Kammerer and Don Kammerer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the family or St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Josh Frost

MIDDLEBURY — Josh Frost, 23, of Interlochen, Mich., died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart from complications following surgery.

Mr. Frost

Mr. Frost had been spending the summer months with his mother and stepfather, Sue and Michael Mayse of Middlebury.

He was a building trades assistant in Michigan and had been doing miscellaneous carpenter work in Middlebury this summer.

Mr. Frost loved music and was a guitarist and drummer. He was an avid golfer, fisherman, hunter and enjoyed all sports, especially 4-wheeling and mudding.

He loved spending time with his family, friends and dog, Malcolm. He served as a volunteer firefighter in Michigan and as a mentor to several young men in the building trades program, especially his cousin, Jason Gray.

He was born March 3, 1983, in Traverse City, Mich., to Ricky Frost and Susan (Gray) Frost-Mayse.

Surviving are his mother and stepfather in Middlebury; his father in Interlochen; a sister, Ashley Frost of Lake Ann, Mich.; a stepsister, Tiffany Mayse of Brigantine, N.J.; a friend, Kate Nugent of Interlochen; grandparents, Ronald and Sharon Gray and Gerald and Elaine Frost, all of Lake Ann; and a stepgrandmother, Kris Mayse of Bowell, Pa.

An informal celebration of life service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Mayse family home, 601 Spring Arbor Drive, Middlebury. Another service will be held at a later date in Michigan.

Memorials are to The Josh Frost Memorial Building Trades Scholarship Fund, BCCS Educational Foundation, 9220 Homestead Road, Benzonia, MI 49616.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of local arrangements.

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Jay Summey

HAMILTON — Jay Edward Summey, 69, of Hamilton died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

He retired from Dana Weatherhead in Angola in 1991 after 30 years of service. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

He was born Sept. 10, 1936, in Sturgis, Mich., to Anthony F. and Frances (Warble) Summey. On March 18, 1959, in Hamilton, he married Emma Petre. His wife survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel L. Summey of Montgomery, Mich.; three brothers, Floyd Summey of White Pigeon, Mich., George Summey of Centreville, Mich., and Jim Summey of Sturgis, Mich.; three sisters, Marian Hostetler of White Pigeon, Mich., Frances Rovener of Skokie, Ill., and Elma Sellers of Sturgis, Mich.; a half-sister, Viola Larimer of Sturgis, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Taj A., Skyler and Kayden Summey.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 13 brothers and sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Darold Beck officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Calling will be today from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Noble branch.

Virgil Lancaster

HAMILTON — Virgil D. "Tom" Lancaster, 53, died Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006, in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital's emergency room.

He worked for A and B Flooring. He was born Aug. 8, 1954, in Angola to Jack Lancaster and Linda (Green) Lancaster.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Jack and Shirley Lancaster of Angola; his mother, Linda Lewis of Montpelier, Ohio; two sons, Brett and Zack Lancaster of Angola; a daughter, Amber Lancaster of Hawaii; three brothers, Jack Lancaster of Angola, Joe Lancaster of Sturgis, Mich., and Donald Humbarger of Bryan, Ohio; and four sisters, Kim Lancaster Cole of Coldwater, Mich., Connie Sandoval and Kathy Bostater, both of Montpelier, Ohio, and Angie Dennison of Bryan, Ohio.

Services will be at a later date.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

William White

HELMER — William E. White, 88, of Helmer died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, at his home.

He was a member of the Helmer Fire Department for over 30 years and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He had operated a gas station, farmed and was a well driller.

He was born Aug. 19, 1918, in Woodburn to Silas and Effie (Mull) White. On Oct. 5, 1940, in Harlan, he married Ardella McKinzie. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Bill White of Butler and Arlen White of Helmer; a daughter, Barbara Crow of Daytona Beach, Fla.; a brother, Elvin "Buck" White of Fort Wayne; a sister, Roselyn Bayles of Bronson, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Sandra Kay, preceded him in death in 1945 and a son, George, died in 2003.

Graveside services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Gar Creek Cemetery in rural New Haven, with military rites by Butler American Legion Post No. 202.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences can be e-mailed to www.johnsonfh.net.

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Jenings Fugate

KENDALLVILLE — Jenings M. "Sonny" Fugate, 55, of Kendallville died at 9:19 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fugate

Mr. Fugate had moved to Kendallville in 1998 from Garrett.

He had been employed at Bauman-Harnish in Garrett for many years.

Mr. Fugate enjoyed his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, antique cars and spending time with his family. He collected Zippo lighters.

He was born Oct. 11, 1950, in Garrett to Lawrence Sr. and Mary (Coyer) Fugate. He married Laura Arnold on July 22. They had made a home together since 1998. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Trina Fugate of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Sonny and Crystal Fugate and Terry Fugate, all of Garrett, and Max and Sherry Fugate of Avilla; a stepson, Roman Arnold of Kendallville; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rosemary Sumner of Fort Wayne, Mildred Lena and Larry Mitchell and Billie Jo and Recie Gibson, all of Kendallville, Emma Louise Fugate of Garett and Sue Bailey of Tennessee; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Michael "Bud" Fugate and Lawrence Fugate Jr., both of Kendallville, and Ellis Gene and Sharon Fugate of South Milford; 11 grandchildren; and one stepgrandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Rex Hart; a grandson, Cody Fugate; and a brother, Dan Fugate.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Earl Rose and Pastor Larry Anglemyer officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers will be Sonny Fugate, Terry Fugate, Max Fugate, Gene Fugate, Colby Sumner, Milton Robinson and Jason Combs.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today at the church with a singing service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Fannie Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Fannie Ellen Miller, 64, of Middlebury died Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller had been employed as a seamstress at Jayco for more than 20 years. She also served meals to groups of people in her home.

She was a member of Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury and had served in voluntary service in Eldorado, Ark., for a year.

She was born Oct. 1, 1941, in Middlebury to Amos and Susie (Riegsecker) Miller.

Surviving are two brothers and a sister-in-law, Marvin and Janette Miller of Indianapolis and David Miller of Middlebury.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Omer Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Griner Mennonite Church with the Rev. John Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to Ghana Missions Fund at the Griner Mennonite Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Larry Gibson

KENDALLVILLE — Larry H. Gibson, 50, of Kendallville died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Gibson was a former coal miner.

He was a member of Full Gospel Revival Center in Kendallville.

Mr. Gibson loved to fish, hunt, dig for ginseng and spend time with his grandchildren.

He was born Nov. 2, 1955, to Burley and Atchie (Hamilton) Gibson. They are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Flora Kay Gibson; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Christopher and Jenny Gibson, Larry Gibson and John and Danielle Gibson, all of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Lora and Chris Wright of Kendallville; four brothers, Ellis Gibson, Ronnie Gibson, Kyle Gibson and Mack Gibson; four sisters, Vivian, Linda, Flo and Wanda; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held at Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, Ky.

Burial was in Hale Cemetery.

Dale Torrez

LANCASTER, Ohio — Dale R. Torrez, 48, of Lancaster and formerly of Auburn died Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Torrez was an avid hunter, bowler and golfer.

He had served as Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge.

Surviving are his wife of 22 years, Pastor Karen Torrez of Lancaster; two children, Travis and Amanda, both of Lancaster; his mother, Delores Torrez of New Haven; a brother, Steve Torrez of New Haven; two sisters, Linda Mendez and Pilar Torrez, both of New Haven; two nephews; and several aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Aurelio R. Torrez.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to First English Music Fund, 220 N. Columbus St., Lancaster, OH 43130

THE NEWS SUN
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Lillie Grate

GARRETT — Lillie M. (Lehner) Grate, 96, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Grate owned and operated the Eastside Grocery in Garrett with her second husband, Elmer Lehner, for 25 years until they retired in 1973. Mr. Lehner died in September 1973.

Mrs. Grate

Mrs. Grate was a member of the Butler Church of Christ.

She was born July 30, 1910, in LaGrange County to William and Clara (Chapp) Boyd. They preceded her in death.

She married Brownie Grate on Feb. 14, 1975, in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. He died Feb. 7, 1991.

Surviving are a stepson, Harold Grate of Corunna; a stepdaughter, Frances Hoyer of Auburn; a brother, William Boyd Jr. of LaGrange; two sisters, Edna Miller of Coldwater, Mich., and Retha Pike of Quincy, Mich.; her caregiver, Sheryl Everetts; nine grandchildren, 27 stepgrandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Howard Lehner and Richard Wogoman; four brothers, Robert, James, Clyde and Russell Boyd; and five sisters, Ona Granskog, Mary Wallace, Dorothy Boyd, Elizabeth Schultz and Helen Clark.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Ontario Cemetery, three miles east of LaGrange. Frank Weller, pastor of the Butler Church of Christ, will officiate.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of Christ, P.O. Box 344, Butler IN 46721.

Mark Arnold

FORT WAYNE — Mark L. Arnold, 68, of Fort Wayne and a native of Eel River Township in Allen County died at 5:26 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at Glenbrook Nursing Home in Fort Wayne. He had been hospitalized for a few days, and was taken to the nursing home on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Arnold was born April 25, 1938, in Fort Wayne to Dewey S. and Mary Ellen (Kell) Arnold. He spent most of his life on the family farm in Eel River Township.

He had served with the U.S. Army National Guard, and retired from the Huntertown Grain Co. after 25 years.

A former member of the Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department, he was also a member of the Maumee Steam & Gas Association.

He married Lynne Sensibaugh in Huntertown on May 22, 1987. She survives.

Also surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Aaron R. and Ann Arnold of Columbia City and Eli J. and Bonnie Arnold of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Martha Ellen Arnold.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Larry Smith of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are requested to Huntertown Volunteer Fire Department in lieu of flowers.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

John Herr

WOLCOTTVILLE — John V. Herr, 81, of Wolcottville died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at home.

Mr. Herr was born Dec. 9, 1924, in LaGrange County to Emmett and Zoe Marie (Miller) Herr. He was married to Joan A. Harp on April 14, 1945, in LaGrange County and she survives.

He was a farmer and a salesman for Seagly Hardware & Farm Equipment in Topeka. He lived all of his life in LaGrange County.

He was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ, where he was the oldest member, and a former member of the South Milford Lions. He was an avid fisherman and IU basketball fan.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Ann Marie and Kirby Langford of Shelburne Falls, Mass. and Pamela and Ryan Compton of Lanesville; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Annabelle Carson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences can be left online at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Ernest Tucker

ALBION — Ernest G. Tucker, 83, of Albion died at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006, at Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Tucker was born July 10, 1923, in Noble County to James and Burnis (Hagg) Tucker. He married Mary Nicodemus on Jan. 1, 1956, in Albion. She preceded him in death on Feb. 19, 2005.

He was a mechanic. He lived in Noble County his entire life.

He was a member of Green Chapel Church, Atwood Lake, Wolcottville, and was a World War II veteran. He belonged to Columbia City Eagles Lodge No. 1906.

His hobbies included mechanical work, cars, fishing and drinking coffee with friends.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Nila Tucker of Rome City; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Pamela Rissner and her fiancee Jim Brady and Tammy and Bill McKinley, all of Kendallville, Penny and David James of Albion and Becky Pavlidis of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Terry and Connie Nicodemus of Albion and Charles and Silva Fulford of Sturgis, Mich.; a sister, Lila Phovemire of Lincoln, Neb.; 21 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Helen Sorg; and two brothers, Harold and Jesse Tucker.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Roger Russell officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Monday.

Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Green Chapel Church.

Cleo Demorest

ANGOLA — Cleo Drucilla Demorest, 88, of Angola died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Demorest was born March 19, 1918, in New Augusta, Miss. to Casmus and Viola (Walker) Breland. She was married to LaVern Demorest on March 20, 1944, and he preceded her in death in 1979.

She was a homemaker and a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Linda Demorest of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Waneice Beers of Biloxi, Miss.; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a brother and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Fairview Missionary Church, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling will be Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Gary Inman

KENDALLVILLE — Gary Inman, 64, of Kendallville died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Inman was born July 14, 1942, in Detroit to Lawrence and Violet (Froberg) Inman.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran. His grandson, Justice, was the joy of his life.

Surviving are his mother in Portland; two daughters, Traci Robertson of Kendallville and Shauna VanHorn; three sons, Jeffrey Inman of Wolcottville, Christopher Inman of Kendallville and Kent Inman; two brothers, Roger Inman and Lee Inman, both of Portland; two sisters, Linda of Indianapolis and Patti of Portland; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father; a grandson, Josh Inman, in 2004; and two brothers, Frank and Jimmy.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Kane officiating. Calling will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Leukemia Society.

Condolences can be left online at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kathryn Febles

KENDALLVILLE — Kathryn Ann Febles, 92, of Kendallville died at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN
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Mr. Rooks found joy in helping others

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — Lawrence Rooks was a man with a variety of business interests, but it was in being of service to others that he took particular satisfaction.

Mr. Rooks, 58, of Auburn died Aug. 13.

The Fort Wayne native was an entrepreneur with a keen interest in real estate sales. But as chief operating officer of Property Renewal and Integrated Scientific Evaluation Inc. (PRAISE) he sought to meet the needs of the economically and health-distressed people of Indiana, according to his friend, Mel Deardorf.

"He provided and preserved low-income housing for senior citizens and others in Indiana," Deardorf said.

Throughout his life, Mr. Rooks had a variety of business interests in addition to real estate sales, including the administration of several not-for-profit businesses and ownership of a telecommunications company.

Mr. Rooks

"Larry was a poster boy for the expression, 'I never met a person I didn't love,'" Deardorf continued. "Whenever we went out to eat, (people) would stop by our table just to be blessed by his charm."

According to Deardorf, Mr. Rooks had two driving principles: treat everyone with dignity and respect, and work with the principle of love.

When interviewing a new employee, Deardorf said, Mr. Rooks emphasized those principles.

"Remember, love in expression is always firm, fair and friendly, and always in that order," Deardorf said.

Trish and Richard Lovejoy of New Horizons Consulting of Bolingbrook, Ill., were personal and business associates of Mr. Rooks.

"I especially loved his big bear hugs, and his never-ending delight at either hearing our voices or seeing our faces," Trish Lovejoy said.

Mr. Rooks served on the board of the Rural Rental Housing Association of Indiana, one of a number of organizations, institutions and community organizations he supported.

"He had much good input," noted Mark Valenti, president of the state association. Made up of owners and managers of affordable apartment communities, the organization "will have a void in our board, both of his presence and his expertise," Valenti said.

Mr. Rooks was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Corunna and the Auburn Rotary Club and was active in Junior Achievement.

Deardorf called Mr. Rooks his friend and brother in spirit.

"The love he so generously expressed to us will always be with us," he said. "Hopefully, we will ... continue to express it as he did."

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Kathryn Febles

KENDALLVILLE — Kathryn Ann Febles, 92, died at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mrs. Febles

On Sept. 25, 1912, she was born in South Milford to C. Grover and Lura Mable (Young) Swank.

She married Beryle B. Febles in Angola on July 19, 1931. He preceded her in death on Sept. 10, 1990.

She graduated in South Milford High School's last graduating class in 1929. Her parents owned Swank's Restaurant in South Milford.

With her husband, Mrs. Febles owned Febles' Service and Fuel Oil Station in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Mrs. Febles was a LaGrange County branch librarian in the 1940s, and in the early 1950s worked at Business Service Co. in Kendallville. She was employed at Uniform Printing Co. from 1955 to 1977.

After retiring, she worked as an Avon salesperson for seven years and then as a receptionist for Grady Real Estate before retiring at the age of 80.

She served as a 4-H leader and was president of Business and Professional Women, an organizer on the committee for the Noble County History Book, and volunteered at McCray Memorial Hospital and the Kendallville Public Library.

Business and Professional Women named her Woman of the Year in 1988 and again in 1998.

She was active in the South Milford Methodist Church, participating in the Methodist Women's Organization and the various church boards.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra D. Sexton, Muncie, and Suzanne L. and John Tritch, Greensboro, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerome F. "Jerry" and Patricia Febles, Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Steve Sexton, Louisville, Ky., Teri Sexton Hofer, Ankeny, Iowa, Nannette Sexton Gunn, Mount Vernon, Iowa, Tim Sexton, Tucson, Ariz., Bart Tritch, Greensboro, N.C., Dr. Todd Tritch, Eugene, Oregon, and Rachel Tritch Lewis, Davidson, N.C.; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, a sister, Elizabeth Winks, a brother, and a son-in-law, William Sexton preceded her in death.

Sevices will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Young Family Funeral Home Kendallville Chapel. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery, South Milford.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Memorials are to the South Milford United Methodist Church.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ella Mae Dunifon

VAN WERT, OHIO — Ella Mae Dunifon, 86, of Van Wert, died at 1:55 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, in the Vancrest Health Care Center, Van Wert.

She was born Nov. 19, 1919, in Pleasant Lake, Ind., to Alvin and Mabel (Beaty) Frederick.

She married Donald Dunifon on June 28, 1940, in Van Wert. He survives.

She had worked at the Marsh Hotel, Union Mills, and the East End Market and Holiday Inn, both in Van Wert.

Mrs. Dunifon was a life member and past senior regent of the Van Wert Women of the Moose.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters and a son-in-law, Pam and Donald Beck, Van Wert, and Shirley Stoller, Coral Springs, Fla.; a brother, Raymond Frederick, Turkey Lake, Ind.; five grandchildren and four spouses, Stephen and Cindy Beck, Van Wert, Misty and Sam Pinson, Coral Springs, Fla., Brent A. Beck, Van Wert, Angela and Ruben Chuquimia, St. Louis, Mo., and Amber and Rob Harrell, Austin, Texas; and five great-grandchildren, Ryan and Aaron Beck, Gabrielle and Carter Chuquimia, and Samuel Pinson IV.

In addition to her parents, a son, Ronald E. Dunifon, a brother, Lewis Frederick, a grandson, Craig A. Beck, and a great-granddaughter, Taylor Allison Beck, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, Van Wert, with the Rev. Paul Miller officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert.

Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Vancrest Health Care Center Activities Memorial Fund.

Condolences may be sent to agfh@bright.net.

Ernest Tucker

ALBION — Ernest G. Tucker, 83, died at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006, in Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On July 10, 1923, in Noble County, he was born to James and Burnis (Hagg) Tucker. He married Mary Nicodemus on Jan. 1, 1956, in Albion. She preceded him in death on Feb. 19, 2005.

He was a mechanic and a lifetime area resident.

Mr. Tucker enjoyed mechanical work, cars, fishing and drinking coffee with friends.

He was a member of Green Chapel Church, a veteran of World War II, and a member of Columbia City Eagles Lodge 1906.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Nila Tucker, Rome City; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Pamela Rissner and her fiancee Jim Brady, and Tami and Bill McKinley, all of Kendallville, Penny and David James, Albion, and Becky Pavlidis, Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their wives, Terry and Connie Nicodemus, Albion, and Charles and Silva Fulford, Sturgis, Mich.; a sister Lila Phovemire, Lincoln, Neb.; 21 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, a sister Helen Sorg, and two brothers, Harold and Jesse Tucker, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel with the Rev. Roger Russell officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is today from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are Green Chapel Church Atwood Lake, Wolcottville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
August 28, 2006, Monday

Omer Traxler

ROME CITY — Omer C. Traxler, 81, of Rome City died at 10:48 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Traxler was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He had been employed as a fireman on the B&O Railroad for many years and then by Navistar until his retirement.

He was a paratrooper in the U.S. Army during World War II and received the Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars.

He was a member of the Rome City American Legion Post, Kendallville Eagles Lodge, Kendallville Moose Lodge and Kendallville VFW Post.

Mr. Traxler was born Dec. 29, 1924, to Howard C. and Francis C. (Lemper) Traxler at the family home.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Cynthia Marie and John Bledsoe and Tina Traxler, all of Chesterton, and Luann Headings of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Harold Harry Traxler of Huntertown, Vincent Traxler of Goshen and Jack Traxler of Avilla; four sisters, Eulaliu Ellert of Hamilton, Lorraine Weaver of Avilla, Lois Remke of Avilla and Thelma Burks of Hamilton; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Traxler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Matthew Jozefink of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla with military graveside services by the Rome City American Legion Post.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct an error made by the funeral home.*

Kathryn Febles

KENDALLVILLE — Kathryn Ann Febles, 93, died at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, in Shepherd of the Hill, Kendallville.

Mrs. Febles

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She married Beryle B. Febles in Angola on July 19, 1931. He preceded her in death on Sept. 10, 1990.

She graduated in South Milford High School's last graduating class in 1929. Her parents owned Swank's Restaurant in South Milford.

With her husband, Mrs. Febles owned Febles' Service and Fuel Oil Station in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Mrs. Febles was a LaGrange County branch librarian in the 1940s, and in the early 1950s worked at Business Service Co. in Kendallville. She was employed at Uniform Printing Co. from 1955 to 1977.

After retiring, she worked as an Avon salesperson for seven years and then as a receptionist for Grady Real Estate before retiring at the age of 80.

She served as a 4-H leader and was president of Business and Professional Women, an organizer on the committee for the Noble County History Book, and volunteered at McCray Memorial Hospital and the Kendallville Public Library.

Business and Professional Women named her Woman of the Year in 1988 and again in 1998.

She was active in South Milford United Methodist Church, participating in the Methodist Women's Organization and the various church boards.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra D. Sexton, Muncie, and Suzanne L. and John Tritch, Greensboro, N.C.; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerome F. "Jerry" and Patricia Febles, Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Steve Sexton, Louisville, Ky., Teri Sexton Hofer, Ankeny, Iowa, Nannette Sexton Gunn, Mount Vernon, Iowa, Tim Sexton, Tucson, Ariz., Bart Tritch, Greensboro, N.C., Dr. Todd Tritch, Eugene, Ore., and Rachel Tritch Lewis, Davidson, N.C.; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, a sister, Elizabeth Winks, a brother, and a son-in-law, William Sexton, preceded her in death.

Sevices will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Young Family Funeral Home Kendallville Chapel. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery, South Milford.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Memorials are to the South Milford United Methodist Church.

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Bernard Perrin

LIGONIER — Bernard C. "Bernie" Perrin, 76, of Ligonier died at 12:40 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at his home. He had been ill three months.

Mr. Perrin had been a machinist employed with Walerko Tool and Engineering for 30 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a 1949 graduate of Goshen High School and had lived in Ligonier since 1984.

Mr. Perrin enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and going to garage sales.

He was born April 1, 1930, in Goshen to Thomas and Lillie (Reeves) Perrin. He married Joan Smith on Sept. 15, 1950, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Marjorie and Larry Haynes of Ligonier, Brenda and Cris Leal of Elkhart and Yalanda and Brad Sanford of Wawaka; three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Terry Perrin of Manassas, Va., Timothy and Lori Perrin of Nappanee and Paul Michael and Bobbi Perrin of Bridgeview, Ill.; a sister, Rhoda Moriarty of Goshen; a brother and sister-in-law, Thirston and Margaret Perrin of Goshen; 20 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Deborah Hughes; a son, Terry Perrin; and a granddaughter, Joan Gresso.

A memorial service and fellowship meal will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Goshen Church of Christ with Elders Brad Price and Keith Besson officiating. Burial will be in Violett Cemetery at Goshen.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospital Hospice or the Goshen Church of Christ.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Skaggs

ANGOLA — Kenneth P. Skaggs, 71, of Angola died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at his daughter's home in Indianapolis.

Mr. Skaggs was born Feb. 18, 1935, in Morehead, Ky. He was married to Brenda Skaggs, and she survives.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Wanda Penfield

KENDALLVILLE — Wanda B. Penfield, 90, of Kendallville and formerly of Wolcottville died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Services are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel.

Ivan Blanchard

AVILLA — Ivan L. Blanchard, 58, of Avilla died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Blanchard was an engineer for the CSX railroad for 28 years. He held an embalmer's license and worked part-time for McKee-Miles Funeral Home in 1977.

He was born June 25, 1948, in Charlotte, Mich., to Louis and Ina Mable (Turner) Blanchard. They preceded him in death.

Srviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Laura Kay and John Meyers of Albion and Toscha and Shane Weathington of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sons, Jason Baucom of Georgia and Jonathon Blanchard Shick of Jacksonville, Fla.; a former spouse, Carolyn Shick of Jacksonville, Fla.; two special friends, Kay Mason of Avilla and Nancy Lantz of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Doyle and Sherry Marten of Fremont; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Charmaine and Mike Kendall of Wawaka and Rose and Toby Mosley of Garrett; a sister, Ina Blanchard of Albion; and four grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1577 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Edward Thompson of Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Good News Baptist Youth Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Thomas Kunce

KENDALLVILLE — Thomas J. "Tommy" Kunce, 67, of Kendallville died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kunce retired in 2001 from Dalton Foundry in Kendallville and worked part time at Slater Concrete Products. He was also employed in the past with Solid Rock Forestry Products and was a farmer.

He was a member of Cornerstone Family Church in Angola, Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301 and the Men's Bowling Association of Kendallville.

Mr. Kunce enjoyed fishing, bowling and spending time with his grandchildren.

He graduated in 1957 from Flint High School and had obtained a degree in welding.

He was born May 9, 1939, in Angola to Amos and Leona (Rawles) Kunce. He married Shirley Ickes on Jan. 9, 1966, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mary and Rock Blaskie of Kendallville, Peggy and Jodi Messer of LaGrange, and Kathy and Paul Birchman II and Sharlene Rice, all of Angola; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Judy Smith of Topeka and Thomas and Shirley Kunce of Kendallville; a brother, Stanley Kunce of Fremont; 20 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Dennis Carey officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Joshua Blaskie, Cory Messer, Clayton Messer, Brian Hursey, Ryan Smith and Joe Roth. Honorary pallbearers will be Chris Wolf, Jon Schrock, Steven Martinez, Kaleb Cooley, Tyler Noragon, Michael Harper, Gabriel Kunce and Craig Collins.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Kidney Foundation.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Harriet Ludban

GARRETT — Harriet B. Ludban, 85, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006, at 5:45 a.m. in Shepherd of the Hill nursing home at Kendallville.

Mrs. Ludban worked as a painter for Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett and also for General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne during World War II. She retired from Garrett High School as special activities bookkeeper.

She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, a 62-year member of the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary and belonged to Sigma Phi Gamma Alumnus and the Gold Star Mothers. She was a member of the Garrett High School class of 1939.

She was born Dec. 30, 1920, in Garrett, to Glen "Peck" and Ruth (Longbreaker) Bohler.

On July 20, 1945, in Garrett, she married Charles J. Ludban. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Joan Ludban of Wolcottville; two granddaughters, Nicole Kirchoff of Rushville and Leigh Kneller of Columbia City; two great-grandsons, Jacob Kirchoff of Rushville and Adler Kneller of Columbia City; and two great-granddaughters, Anna Kneller and Maggie Kneller, both of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by a son, Glen Charles Ludban, and a brother, Harry "Jack" Bohler.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with the Rev. Howard Compton officiating.

There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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Lourelei Prior

FORT WAYNE — Lourelei M. Prior, 88, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Angola died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006.

Mrs. Prior

Mrs. Prior was born June 22, 1918, in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker. She was a life member of the D.A.V. and of American Legion Post No. 296 where she served as the auxiliary chaplain for over 20 years. She was a member of Chapter No. 432 of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Eagles, 8 & 40, Shrine Widows Club and Amvets. She volunteered many hours at the V.A. Hospital.

She belonged to the Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marsha and David Fishbaugh of Mineral, Va. and Cynthia and David Morrow of Angola; four grandchildren and their spouses, Tammie and Jamie Baynes and Natalie and Todd Barb, all of Virginia and Michele and Ken Stech and James David Morrow II, all of Indiana; seven great-grandchildren and a nephew, Jack F. DePew of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert P. Prior, on May 26, 1980; and a brother, Jack DePew.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne, with American Legion Auxiliary services at 6 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Aldersgate United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

Kenneth Skaggs

ANGOLA — Kenneth Paul Skaggs, 71, of Angola died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at his daughter's home in Indianapolis after battling an illness for the last few years.

Mr. Skaggs

Mr. Skaggs was born in Moorehead, Ky., on Feb. 18, 1935, to Marvin and Alice (Reynolds) Skaggs. On Nov. 13, 1971, he married Brenda Goudy. She survives.

He was well-known as an outstanding auto body repairman, and owned and operated Kenny's Body Shop in Angola. He was an avid remote controlled airplane hobbyist, a charter member of the Steuben Model Airplane Club and a long-standing member of the American Model Association.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Julie and Dominic Blasutti of Angola, Amie and Michael Redman of Indianapolis and Sandy Beck; a son, Randy Skaggs; his nephew and honorary son and his wife, Matthew and Mindy Goudy of Frankfort, Ill.; his mother and stepfather, Alice and Ray VanDuesen of Heber Springs, Ark.; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Donnie Hyslip of Heber Springs; grandchildren, Travis Skaggs and his fiancee Jennifer Hayes, Chelsea and Brian Johnson, Andrew Piatek, Jeffrey Piatek, Reece, Bryce and Ava Rose Redman, Riley, Nolan and Caelen Goudy, Joshua Hiler and Andrew and Adam Beck; a great-grandson, Mason Johnson; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, David Skaggs and a brother-in-law, Dennis Goudy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Morgan Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Morgan O. Miller, 70, of Kendallville died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Miller was self-employed in the electrical and refrigeration service.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hudson.

Mr. Miller was a 1954 graduate of Kendallville High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1957 to 1961.

He was born July 13, 1936, in Kendallville to Paul and Ruth (Ginder) Miller. They are deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Donna Wade of Buffalo, N.Y.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Myron and Lorna Miller of Rogers, Ark.

Memorial services will be at a later date. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

There will be no calling.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Richard Troyer

LAGRANGE — Richard Q. "Dick" Troyer, 74, of LaGrange died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Troyer

Mr. Troyer had survived 20 years following a heart transplant.

Mr. Troyer had lived most of his life in LaGrange County and was the owner of RQ's Restaurant.

He had also served as superintendent of the LaGrange Street Department.

Mr. Troyer had retired from the U.S. Army. He served in Korea, two tours of duty in Germany and two tours of duty in Vietnam.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and Disabled American Veterans.

He was born Nov. 5, 1931, in Sturgis, Mich., to Glenn and Edna (Belote) Troyer. He married Alverda Glick on Aug. 8, 1952, in North Webster. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Marsha and James Massino of Madison, Wis., and Lisa and Marco Boston of LaGrange; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Eric and Alice Troyer of LaGrange and Dana Troyer and his fiancee, Carol Korenman, of Dallas, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Sarah Troyer of LaGrange; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Richard Blaine Troyer, on Nov. 2, 1961; and a brother, William Troyer.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Transplant Assistant Fund, care of Lutheran Hospital, 7950 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Wanda Penfield

KENDALLVILLE — Wanda Penfield, 90, of Kendallville died at 4 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville where she had been a resident the past six years.

Mrs. Penfield

Mrs. Penfield had been a medical assistant and receptionist. She had lived in Wolcottville from 1948 to 2000 and had also worked at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville for many years.

Mrs. Penfield was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church.

She was born Sept. 14, 1915, in Kendallville to Joseph and Levah (Frohnhafer) Nelson.

Surviving are two sisters, Waunetta Plumb of Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville and formerly of Wolcottville, and Betty Whetstone of Union, Mich.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Marjorie Loris and Dorothy Baad.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Shepherd of the Hill chapel in Kendallville with Father Matt Jozefiak of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Lilith Fletcher

BUTLER — Lilith Y. Fletcher, 66, of Butler died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at her home.

She worked at North American in Fort Wayne and then at Anderson Bindery, also in Fort Wayne, until her retirement in 2002.

She was born Sept. 23, 1939, in Columbia City to Floyd and Dorothy (Erne) Mettler. Her mother preceded her in death, and her father survives in St. Paris, Ohio.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, John and Dawn Bryie of Fort Wayne, Kevin and Jean Bryie of Butler, Steven Bryie of San Diego, Calif., and Anthony and April Fletcher of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jeanie Erikson of Angola; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with three more on the way; a brother and sister-in-law, Ronald "Kirk" and Jackie Mettler of Lakeland, Fla.; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Vickie and Jimmy Fletcher of Eureka, S.D., and Sherry Miller of Pendleton, Ore.

She was preceded in death by three grandchildren, Mariah Bryie, Anthony Michael Fletcher and Brandon Daniel Fletcher.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church. The Rev. Jason Hollopeter will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Care Center of Angola or DeKalb Home Health Care and Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct errors made by the funeral home.*

Omer Traxler

ROME CITY — Omer C. Traxler, 81, of Rome City died at 10:48 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Traxler was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He had been employed as a fireman on the B&O Railroad for many years and then by Navistar until his retirement in 1983.

Mr. Traxler was a paratrooper in the U.S. Army during World War II and received a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars.

He was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post, Garrett Eagles Lodge, the Moose Lodge and the VFW.

He was known as a handyman who could fix anything. He enjoyed doing plumbing work and gardening.

Mr. Traxler was born Dec. 29, 1924, to Howard C. and Francis C. (Lemper) Traxler at the family home. He married Betty Kovets on May 12, 1951, in the St. Mary's Catholic Church parsonage. She died May 12, 1984.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Cynthia Marie and John Bledsoe and Tina Traxler, all of Chesterton, and Luann Headings of Fort Wayne; two sons, Howard and Karen Traxmor of Fort Wayne and Michael and Mary Traxler of Rio Rancho, N.M.; three brothers, Harold "Harry" Traxler of Huntertown, Vincent Traxler of Goshen and Jack Traxler of Avilla; four sisters, Eulalia Ellert of Hamilton, Lorraine Weaver of Avilla, Lois Remke of Avilla and Thelma Buchs of Hamilton; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Traxler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Matt Jozefiak of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla with military graveside services by the Rome City American Legion Post.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Robert Cain

KENDALLVILLE — Robert H. Cain, 72, of Kendallville died Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cain had been employed with Flint & Walling in Kendallville for 20 years and then associated with V.R. Myers Pump & Supply in Fort Wayne, retiring from traveling sales in 1996. He was currently employed with Mid-States Pipe & Supply Co. in Kendallville.

Mr. Cain

He was a 1952 graduate of Kendallville High School where he lettered all four years in baseball. He had attended Ball State University and Purdue University.

Mr. Cain served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War from 1954 to 1956, specializing in cryptography.

He was a lifetime member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge and Trinity Church United Methodist, where he served on the finance committee.

Mr. Cain enjoyed following his children's and grandchildren's activities and all sports, especially golf.

He was born Oct. 5, 1933, in Kendallville to Nevin John and Mildred (Rothamel) Cain. He married Carol Howell on April 13, 1955, at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Melody Ransburg of Big Long Lake; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Tina Cain and Matthew and Jeri Cain, all of Kendallville; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Rory Ransburg, Joshua and Elizabeth Ransburg, Hope Williams, Justin Cain, Devin Cain, Kristopher Grubb, Ashley Grubb and Kylie Grubb; and five great-grandchildren, Jaide Ransburg, Trace Cain, Madison Cain, Austin Williams and Vickie Williams.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Cain.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Church United Methodist with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery with military graveside services by VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with a service by Elks Lodge 1194 at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Carmen Deaver

ANGOLA — Carmen S. Deaver, 88, of Ottawa Lake, Mich., died Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Deaver was born May 25, 1918, in Terre Haute to Harry S. Sr. and Edith (Rehbock) Murphy. She married Robert J. Deaver Sr. on May 11, 1940. They were married for 61 years before he preceded her in death in 2001.

She was a homemaker. She loved to be near the water and belonged to the Ladies of the Moose.

Surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert J. Jr. and Sharon Deaver of Huntsville, Ala., Ronald J. Deaver Sr. and Rolland J. Deaver, both of Angola and Richard J. Deaver of Ottawa Lake; two grandchildren and their spouses, Ronald Jr. and Delores Deaver and Rhona and Michael Hovan; five great-grandchildren, Robert J. Deaver III, Riley J. Deaver, Reese J. Deaver and Mitchell and Marquette Hovan; and a brother, Harry J. Murphy Jr.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Blanche Barney.

Reeb Funeral Home in Sylvania, Ohio assisted the family with private arrangements.

Joseph Sizemore

KENDALLVILLE — Joseph B. Sizemore, 45, of Kendallville died Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Helen Sickafoose

FORT WAYNE — Helen Enola Sickafoose, 93, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Columbia City died at 12:50 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at Towne House Retirement Community.

Mrs. Sickafoose

Mrs. Sickafoose was born in Coesse, Union Township, Whitley County on Aug. 27, 1913, to Frederick Lee and Lillie Irene (Grant) Hickman. She married Herbert Dale Sickafoose on Feb. 11, 1939, at Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City. He preceded her in death on Jan. 20, 2002.

She was raised in Whitley County and lived in Columbia City from 1939-57, Hart, Mich., from 1957-78, Fort Wayne from 1978-93, Angola from 1993-96 and the Towne House Retirement Community from 1996 until her death. She graduated from the former Washington Center High School with the class of 1932.

She was an employee of the former Columbia Woolen Mill, a retail salesperson for both Raupfer's Hardware and Variety Store and Blumenthal Department Store and a nurse's aide at Linville Memorial Hospital, all in Columbia City. While she lived in Hart, she and her husband did asparagus farming and for 14 years they were in management with Drake Investments of Dayton, Ohio, managing apartments in Ohio and the Sheridan Apartments in Fort Wayne. Her most recent employment had been with Dr. Bruce J. and Diane Hopen in Fort Wayne.

She was a former member of Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City and Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James T. and Sally Sickafoose of Fremont; three grandsons; a brother, M. Carroll Grant of Carolina Beach, N.C.; and a sister, Shirley Ann Montgomery of Jonesboro, Ark.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Jack, Tom, Frederick L. and Paul E. Grant; and three infant sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Nolt Cemetery, Columbia City, with the Rev. James Haugen of Zion Lutheran Church officiating. There will be no calling.

DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be left online at www.demoney-grimes.com.

Joseph Sizemore

KENDALLVILLE — Joseph Brian Sizemore, 45, of Kendallville died Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sizemore

Mr. Sizemore had been employed at Dalton Foundry for about 14 years.

He loved fishing, gardening, camping and spending time with his family.

He was born April 19, 1961, in Fort Wayne to Ethelbert and Lorine (Sulfridge) Sizemore. His mother survives in Wolcottville and his father is deceased. He married Mary Ann Arrington on April 21, 1997, in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Elesha Ann Sizemore of Kendallville; four sisters, Alva Jean Jordan of Kendallville, Myrlee Gray of Wolcottville, Chyrl Barrett of Leo and Pauline Sizemore of Avilla; and three brothers, Nevil Sizemore of Antwerp, Ohio, Rodney Sizemore of Fort Worth, Texas, and Robert Sizemore of Wolcottville.

He was also preceded in death by a niece, Tina Gray; two nephews, Michael Gray and Christopher Thompson; and a sister-in-law, Jeannie Sizemore.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Willie Collins officiating.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers will be Austin Arrington, Bobby Evans, Shane Quinley, Chad Thompson, Charles Jordan and Corey Jordan. Honorary pallbearers will be his brothers, Nevil, Rodney and Robert.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Becky Crawford

KENDALLVILLE — Becky R. Crawford, 26, of Kendallville died Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Crawford

Mrs. Crawford was a lifetime area resident and 1998 graduate of Lakeland High School.

She was employed at Indiana Custom Truck in LaGrange.

Mrs. Crawford was born Jan. 18, 1980, in Martin, Ky., and raised by her grandmother, Mary E. Moore of LaGrange.

She married Craig E. Crawford on Oct. 12, 2002, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Owen E. Crawford, at home; two sisters, Kimberly Tackett and Juanita Hamilton, both of LaGrange; five brothers, Matthew Palmer of Howe, and Glenn Moore, Billy Joe Moore, Cecile Moore and John "Bo" Moore, all of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Katherlyn J. (Moore) Tackett on Jan. 24, 1990.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Little Flossie Baptist Church at Lisbon with the Rev. Elbert Hagerman and the Rev. Russell Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Thursday and until the hour of the service Friday at the church.

Memorials are to a college fund for Owen Crawford in care of the family.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Doyne Ferris

NICEVILLE, Fla. — Doyne L. Ferris, 82, of Niceville, Fla. died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006.

Mr. Ferris was born Jan. 15, 1924 in Helmer to Naomi and Dea Ferris. He grew up in farming communities in northern Indiana and had a lifelong love of the outdoors.

He served in the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946 and was stationed in Walla Walla, Wash., where he married Mary Katherine Miller of Ashley in 1944. She survives.

He graduated from Tri-State University in Angola in 1948 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. Later he earned a master's of business administration degree from Indiana University in Fort Wayne, and his professional engineer's license.

He worked for many years at ITT Technical Laboratories in Fort Wayne, and then transferred in 1980 with the Department of Defense to Eglin Airforce Base in Florida. He retired from Eglin AFB in 1986.

He was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was a model railroader and avid fisherman, and enjoyed camping with friends and family for more than 30 years.

Among his favorite spots was his workshop, where he was able to fix or create nearly anything.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Cassandra Ferris of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Joe Wetmore of Canal Winchester, Ohio, and Christina and Mark Mooney of Flint, Mich.; and four grandchildren, Ashley and Jessica Wetmore and Scott and Michael Ferris.

He was preceded in death by sons, Steve and David.

Services will be at 10:30 am Saturday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Peter Kumaraki officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne with rosary at 6:30 p.m., and also one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Covenant Hospice of Niceville, Fla., 101 Hart St., Niceville, FL 32578 or Parthenon of Crestview, 1849 1st Ave. East, Crestview, FL 32539.

Bertha Woodcox

AUBURN — Bertha O. Woodcox, 98, of Auburn died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

A memorial service will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

A full obituary will be published in Thursday's edition.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Robert Cain

KENDALLVILLE — Robert H. Cain, 72, of Kendallville died Monday, Aug. 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cain

Mr. Cain had been employed with Flint & Walling in Kendallville for 20 years and then associated with V.R. Myers Pump & Supply in Fort Wayne, retiring from traveling sales in 1996. He was currently employed with Mid-States Pipe & Supply Co. in Kendallville.

He was a 1952 graduate of Kendallville High School where he lettered all four years in baseball. He had attended Ball State University and Purdue University.

Mr. Cain served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War from 1954 to 1956, specializing in cryptography.

He was a lifetime member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge and Trinity Church United Methodist, where he served on the finance committee.

Mr. Cain enjoyed following his children's and grandchildren's activities and all sports, especially golf.

He was born Oct. 5, 1933, in Kendallville to Nevin John and Mildred (Rothamel) Cain. He married Carol Howell on April 13, 1955, at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Melody Ransburg of Big Long Lake; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Tina Cain and Matthew and Jeri Cain, all of Kendallville; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Rory Ransburg, Ryan Ransburg, Joshua and Elizabeth Ransburg, Hope Williams, Justin Cain, Devin Cain, Kristopher Grubb, Ashley Grubb and Kylie Grubb; and five great-grandchildren, Jaide Ransburg, Trace Cain, Madison Cain, Austin Williams and Vickie Williams.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Cain.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Church United Methodist with Pastor Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery with military graveside services by VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with a service by Elks Lodge 1194 at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Trinity Church United Methodist.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Wanda Penfield

KENDALLVILLE — Wanda Penfield, 90, of Kendallville died at 4 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville where she had been a resident the past six years.

Mrs. Penfield

Mrs. Penfield had been a medical assistant and receptionist. She had lived in Wolcottville from 1948 to 2000 and had also worked at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville for many years.

Mrs. Penfield was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church.

She was born Sept. 14, 1915, in Kendallville to Joseph and Levah (Frohnhafer) Nelson.

Surviving are two sisters, Waunetta Plumb of Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville and formerly of Wolcottville, and Betty Whetstone of Union, Mich.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Marjorie Loris and Dorothy Baad.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Shepherd of the Hill chapel in Kendallville with Father Matt Jozefiak of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to list an additional hour of calling.*

Lilith Fletcher

BUTLER — Lilith Y. Fletcher, 66, of Butler died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at her home.

She worked at North American in Fort Wayne and then at Anderson Bindery, also in Fort Wayne, until her retirement in 2002.

She was born Sept. 23, 1939, in Columbia City to Floyd and Dorothy (Erne) Mettler. Her mother preceded her in death, and her father survives in St. Paris, Ohio.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, John and Dawn Bryie of Fort Wayne, Kevin and Jean Bryie of Butler, Steven Bryie of San Diego, Calif., and Anthony and April Fletcher of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jeanie Erikson of Angola; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with three more on the way; a brother and sister-in-law, Ronald "Kirk" and Jackie Mettler of Lakeland, Fla.; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Vickie and Jimmy Fletcher of Eureka, S.D., and Sherry Miller of Pendleton, Ore.

She was preceded in death by three grandchildren, Mariah Bryie, Anthony Michael Fletcher and Brandon Daniel Fletcher.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Corunna United Brethren in Christ Church. The Rev. Jason Hollopeter will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Care Center of Angola or DeKalb Home Health Care and Hospice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Amanda Barnes

CHURUBUSCO — Amanda Marie Barnes, 21, of Churubusco died Monday, Aug. 28, 2006.

She will be remembered for her quirky smile. She will be missed by all who have loved and cared for her.

She was born Oct. 26, 1984.

Surviving are her mother, Julie Barnes of Churubusco; her father, Christopher Barnes and his companion, Janett Zimmerman, of Albion; two brothers, Randy and Mitchell Barnes, at home; and grandparents Barb and John Poffenberger and Elvan and Sharon Barnes, all of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Joyce Frane.

Private graveside services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Private family calling will be today.

A public memorial service will be Saturday, Sept. 9, at 11 a.m. at North Christian Church, 5201 S. Camden Drive, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family.

Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Micki Campbell

BLOOMINGTON — Micki D. Campbell, 83, of Bloomington died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006, at Bloomington Hospital.

Mrs. Campbell

She was born March 6, 1923, to the late Otto and Myrtie Hartman.

She was of the protestant faith and was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis Campbell of Bloomington and Jim Campbell of Reston, Va.; one daughter, June Kelly of Ellettsville; one sister, Imogene Boitet of Auburn; four grandchildren, Deanna Campbell, Jill Campbell, Shelly Mobley and Jason Kelley; one great-grandchild and two stepgreat grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Aylene Hartman, Esther Hartman and Beatrice Hartman, and three brothers, Russell Hartman, Victor Hartman and Robert Hartman.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. at Day Funeral Home, 4150 E. Third St., Bloomington.

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Laquietta Blankenship

FORT WAYNE — Laquietta "Joyce" Blankenship, 74, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Blankenship was a native of Tennessee.

She had retired from LaOtto Manufacturing.

Mrs. Blankenship was a member of North Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Surviving are three daughters, Sandy Hunley of Albion, Nancy Pilkinton of Erin, Tenn., and Debbie Cox of Selmer, Tenn.; five sons, Vernon Pilkinton, Roger Moffett and Gene Blankenship, all of Fort Wayne, Don Pilkinton of Leo, and Ronnie Pilkinton of Lawton, Tenn.; a brother, Sam Moffett of Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

There are no services.

Memorials are to North Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

LeMoile Staley

FORT WAYNE — LeMoile E. Staley, 92, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Auburn, she was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Staley of Fort Wayne and John and Linda Staley of Churubusco; a brother, Oscar Graf of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Randall Staley; a brother, Hilton Graf; and a sister, Phyllis Hullhorst.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Ivan Blanchard, 58

AVILLA - Ivan L. Blanchard, 58, of Avilla died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Blanchard was an engineer for the CSX railroad for 28 years. He held an embalmer's license and worked part-time for McKee-Miles Funeral Home in 1977.

He was born June 25, 1948, in Charlotte, Mich., to Louis and Ina Mable (Turner) Blanchard. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Laura Kay and John Meyers of Albion and Toscha and Shane Weathington of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sons, Jason Baucom of Georgia and Jonathon Blanchard Shick of Jacksonville, Fla.; a former spouse, Carolyn Shick of Jacksonville, Fla.; two special friends, Kay Mason of Avilla and Nancy Lantz of Garrett; a brother and sister-in-law, Doyle and Sherry Marten of Fremont; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Charmaine and Mike Kendall of Wawaka and Rose and Toby Mosley of Garrett; a sister, Ina Blanchard of Albion; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, August 30, 2006 at Thomas Funeral Home, 1577 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Edward Thompson of Good News Baptist Church in Churubusco officiated.

Memorials are to the Good News Baptist Youth Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Eleanor E. Foulke, 87

GOSHEN – Eleanor E. Foulke, 87, Goshen, IN died on August 22, 2006 at Greencroft Health Care Center.

Mrs. Foulke was born May 21, 1919 in Swayzee, IN to Joseph E. and Emma Rosetta (Tucker) Robinson graduating from Sweetser High School before attending Taylor University. She married Kenneth E. Foulke on August 31, 1941 in Swayzee, IN. He survives.

The Foulkes lived in Albion and served Asbury United Methodist Church for several years. They also lived in Elberfeld Circuit, IN from 1943-46; Wapakoneta, OH from 1946-51; Syracuse, IN from 1951-58; Rochester, IN from 1958-62; South Bend, IN 1962-72; Albion, IN from 1972-84; Syracuse, IN from1984-92 and Goshen from 1992 to the present time.

Mrs. Foulke served as a choir director at all of the churches they served while being a homemaker. She also was affiliated with Calvary United methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband Kenneth, 2 daughters: Sharon (Larry) Johnson of Silvis, IL and Margaret (Pat) Foulke-Evans of Milwaukee, WI. along with 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 2 sisters and 1 brother.

Funeral services took place August 26, 2006 at Calvary United Methodist Church with arrangements being taken care of by Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel in Syracuse.

Memorials are to the Alzheimers Association or Calvary United Methodist Church.

Please send condolences to the family at **www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com**

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Jenings Fugate, 55

KENDALLVILLE - Jenings M. "Sonny" Fugate, 55, of Kendallville died at 9:19 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fugate had moved to Kendallville in 1998 from Garrett.

He had been employed at Bauman-Harnish in Garrett for many years.

Mr. Fugate enjoyed his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, antique cars and spending time with his family. He collected Zippo lighters.

He was born Oct. 11, 1950, in Garrett to Lawrence Sr. and Mary (Coyer) Fugate. He married Laura Arnold on July 22. They had made a home together since 1998. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Trina Fugate of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Sonny and Crystal Fugate and Terry Fugate, all of Garrett, and Max and Sherry Fugate of Avilla; a stepson, Roman Arnold of Kendallville; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rosemary Sumner of Fort Wayne, Mildred Lena and Larry Mitchell and Billie Jo and Recie Gibson, all of Kendallville, Emma Louise Fugate of Garett and Sue Bailey of Tennessee; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Michael "Bud" Fugate and Lawrence Fugate Jr., both of Kendallville, and Ellis Gene and Sharon Fugate of South Milford; 11 grandchildren; and one stepgrandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Rex Hart; a grandson, Cody Fugate; and a brother, Dan Fugate.

Services were held Saturday, August 26, 2006 at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville. Pastor Earl Rose and Pastor Larry Anglemyer officiated.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City. Pallbearers were Sonny Fugate, Terry Fugate, Max Fugate, Gene Fugate, Colby Sumner, Milton Robinson and Jason Combs.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Bernard Perrin, 76

LIGONIER - Bernard C. "Bernie" Perrin, 76, of Ligonier died at 12:40 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at his home. He had been ill three months.

Mr. Perrin had been a machinist employed with Walerko Tool and Engineering for 30 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a 1949 graduate of Goshen High School and had lived in Ligonier since 1984.

Mr. Perrin enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and going to garage sales.

He was born April 1, 1930, in Goshen to Thomas and Lillie (Reeves) Perrin. He married Joan Smith on Sept. 15, 1950, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Marjorie and Larry Haynes of Ligonier, Brenda and Cris Leal of Elkhart and Yalanda and Brad Sanford of Wawaka; three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Terry Perrin of Manassas, Va., Timothy and Lori Perrin of Nappanee and Paul Michael and Bobbi Perrin of Bridgeview, Ill.; a sister, Rhoda Moriarty of Goshen; a brother and sister-in-law, Thirston and Margaret Perrin of Goshen; 20 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Deborah Hughes; a son, Terry Perrin; and a granddaughter, Joan Gresso.

A memorial service and fellowship meal were held Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at Goshen Church of Christ. Elders Brad Price and Keith Besson officiated. Burial took place inat Violett Cemetery in Goshen.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospital Hospice or the Goshen Church of Christ.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Omer Traxler, 81

ROME CITY - Omer C. Traxler, 81, of Rome City died at 10:48 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Traxler was a lifetime Noble County resident.

He had been employed as a fireman on the B&O Railroad for many years and then by Navistar until his retirement in 1983.

Mr. Traxler was a paratrooper in the U.S. Army during World War II and received a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars.

He was a member of the Avilla American Legion Post, Garrett Eagles Lodge, the Moose Lodge and the VFW.

He was known as a handyman who could fix anything. He enjoyed doing plumbing work and gardening.

Mr. Traxler was born Dec. 29, 1924, to Howard C. and Francis C. (Lemper) Traxler at the family home. He married Betty Kovets on May 12, 1951, in the St. Mary's Catholic Church parsonage. She died May 12, 1984.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Cynthia Marie and John Bledsoe and Tina Traxler, all of Chesterton, and Luann Headings of Fort Wayne; two sons, Howard and Karen Traxmor of Fort Wayne and Michael and Mary Traxler of Rio Rancho, N.M.; three brothers, Harold "Harry" Traxler of Huntertown, Vincent Traxler of Goshen and Jack Traxler of Avilla; four sisters, Eulalia Ellert of Hamilton, Lorraine Weaver of Avilla, Lois Remke of Avilla and Thelma Buchs of Hamilton; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Traxler.

Services were held Wednesday, August 30, 2006 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Matt Jozefiak of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City officiated. Burial took place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla with military graveside services by the Rome City American Legion Post.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Ernest Tucker, 83

ALBION — Ernest G. Tucker, 83, died at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006, in Veterans Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On July 10, 1923, in Noble County, he was born to James and Burnis (Hagg) Tucker. He married Mary Nicodemus on Jan. 1, 1956, in Albion. She preceded him in death on Feb. 19, 2005.

He was a mechanic and a lifetime area resident.

Mr. Tucker enjoyed mechanical work, cars, fishing and drinking coffee with friends.

He was a member of Green Chapel Church, a veteran of World War II, and a member of Columbia City Eagles Lodge 1906.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Nila Tucker, Rome City; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Pamela Rissner and her fiancee Jim Brady, and Tami and Bill McKinley, all of Kendallville, Penny and David James, Albion, and Becky Pavlidis, Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their wives, Terry and Connie Nicodemus, Albion, and Charles and Silva Fulford, Sturgis, Mich.; a sister Lila Phovemire, Lincoln, Neb.; 21 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, a sister Helen Sorg, and two brothers, Harold and Jesse Tucker, preceded him in death.

Services were held August 28, 2006 at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel. The Rev. Roger Russell officiated. Burial was at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are Green Chapel Church Atwood Lake, Wolcottville.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
August 30, 2006, Wednesday

Amanda Barnes, 21

CHURUBUSCO – Amanda Marie Barnes, 21, born October 26, 1984, went to laugh, run and play with God on August 28, 2006.

Amanda will always be remembered for her half quirky smile, long wavy hair and beautiful, thick long eyelashes that everyone wanted, and the color purple.

God has given Amanda to all who have loved and cared for her for the last 21 years. She will be missed by many.

Survived by mother, Julie Barnes of Churubusco; father, Christopher Barnes (Janett Zimmerman) of Albion, loving and caring brothers, Randy and Mitchell Barnes at home; grandparents, Barb and John Poffenberger, and Elvan and Sharon Barnes, all of Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by grandparent, Joyce Frane.

Private family viewing will be held Wednesday and private graveside services will be held Thursday in the Highland Park Cemetery. A public memorial service will be held Saturday, September 9 at 11 a.m. in the North Christian Church, 5201 S. Camden Drive in Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be directed to family.

Arrangements are by Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be emailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Dale Fisher

COLUMBIA CITY — Dale E. Fisher, 86, of Columbia City died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor where he had been a resident for a week.

Mr. Fisher had been a carpenter and had worked at Columbia Woolen Mills for a brief period of time.

Mr. Fisher

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Fisher was a lifetime Columbia City resident and graduate of Columbia City High School.

He was born Sept. 2, 1919, in Columbia City to Lewis and Ella (King) Fisher. He married Hazel Chapman on May 9, 1942. She died March 8, 2004.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Rose Ann and Charles Barnum of Kendallville, Connie and James Bedwell and Jean and Max Lefever, all of Columbia City, and Sally and Gary Maggart of South Whitley; two sons, Thomas Fisher of Columbia City and William Fisher of Pierceton; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Earl Fisher, and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, with the Rev. Dennis Beckner of Columbia City Church of the Brethren officiating. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery with military rites by the Whitley County Korean War Veterans Honor Guard.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Columbia City Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Blanche Burkey

HOWE — Blanche E. Burkey, 78, of Howe died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Burkey was a homemaker and prior to retiring had worked at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

She enjoyed doing crafts and knitting.

Mrs. Burkey

She was born March 21, 1928, in LaGrange County to John and Abbie Mae (Perkins) Ferrier. She married Leon Burkey on March 14, 1945, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Wanda and Jack Eversole of Howe, Connie and Bill Hall of Midland, Ore., and Diana Dahlke of Simi Valley, Calif.; a son, Michael Burkey of Sturgis, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol of the First Church of God in LaGrange officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Nancy Brier

FORT WAYNE — Nancy Louise Brier, 54, of Fort Wayne died at 4:37 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Brier was a Noble County native and had lived in Fort Wayne the past eight years.

She was a lab technician for 15 years and had helped manage the family's rental business at Sylvan Lake and Tri-Lakes.

Mrs. Brier was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Covenant in Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 26, 1952, in Noble County to John and Louise (DeBaillie) Hague. She married John Brier on Aug. 19, 1972, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Ratsamy Brier of Muncie and Mathew and Cayte Brier of St. Louis, Mo.; and a grandson, Colin Brier.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. Jan Funk of United Methodist Church of the Covenant in Fort Wayne officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Heart Association or the Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being rerun with additional information.*

Thomas Kunce

KENDALLVILLE — Thomas J. "Tommy" Kunce, 67, of Kendallville died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kunce retired in 2001 from Dalton Foundry in Kendallville and worked part time at Slater Concrete Products. He was also employed in the past with Solid Rock Forestry Products and was a farmer.

He was a member of Cornerstone Family Church in Angola, Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301 and the Men's Bowling Association of Kendallville.

Mr. Kunce enjoyed fishing, bowling and spending time with his grandchildren.

He graduated in 1957 from Flint High School and had obtained a degree in welding.

He was born May 9, 1939, in Angola to Amos and Leona (Rawles) Kunce. He married Shirley Ickes on Jan. 9, 1966, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mary and Rock Blaskie of Kendallville, Peggy and Jodi Messer of LaGrange, and Kathy and Paul Birchman II and Sharlene Rice, all of Angola; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Judy Smith of Topeka and Thomas and Shirley Kunce of Kendallville; a brother, Stanley Kunce of Fremont; 20 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Bradley Blaskie.

Services were today at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastor Dennis Carey officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. Pallbearers were Joshua Blaskie, Cory Messer, Clayton Messer, Brian Hursey, Ryan Smith and Joe Roth. Honorary pallbearers were Chris Wolf, Jon Schrock, Steven Martinez, Kaleb Cooley, Tyler Noragon, Michael Harper, Gabriel Kunce and Craig Collins.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Kidney Foundation.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Frances Allison

AUBURN — Frances Allison, 90, of Auburn died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Allison

Mrs. Allison was president of the first Northeast Indiana Hospital Women's Association, a member of Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority and the Associate Chapter and PEO. She was a member of Greenhurst Country Club and a charter member of Habanera.

She attended Albany High School and DePauw University.

She was born June 6, 1916, in Albany to Jessie and C. Roy McCormick.

She married Donald M. Allison on Nov. 27, 1937. He died Nov. 21, 2000.

Surviving are three sons, Don Allison and Philip Allison, and their wives, all of Auburn and Lee Allison of Scottsdale, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles R. McCormick Sr. and Tom R. McCormick; and a sister, Judith M. Watson.

A memorial service will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Presbyterian Church. The Rev. William Haworth will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 9:30-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Auburn Presbyterian Church or the DeKalb County Community Foundation.

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Bertha Woodcox

AUBURN — Bertha Glen Woodcox, 98, of Auburn died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Woodcox was a homemaker and was retired as a teacher for DeKalb Central schools. She was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She was born April 1, 1908, in Teegardin, Ind., to Melvin and Jessie (Ross) Perry. They preceded her in death.

She married Cecil Woodcox on July 3, 1936, in Plymouth. He died in 1959.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Philip and Rosalie Woodcox of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Dalen Showalter of Queensbury, N.Y.; five grandchildren, Brad Woodcox and his wife, Amy, Ann Lantz, William Showalter and his wife, Pam, David Showalter and Alexander Showalter; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Kathryn Miller Woodcox; three brothers; and four sisters.

A memorial service will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Thomas Novy will officiate.

Calling will be Friday from noon-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Winfred Compton

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Winfred R. Compton, 60, originally of New Orleans, La., and displaced to Lubbock, Texas, by Hurricane Katrina, died Monday, Aug. 14, 2006.

He was born Jan. 6, 1946, in Lansing, Mich., to Norman and Dorothy Compton.

Surviving are his mother, Dorothy Prescott of Pontotoc, Miss.; a son, "Little Win" Compton, and a grandson last known to live in Fremont; a brother-in-law, Bill Klink of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Rhea and James Knickerbocher of Pontotoc, Jeanne and Charles Oleniczak of Manistee, Mich., Sue and Johnny Hill of Pontotoc and Juanita Compton of Perrinton, Mich.; five brothers and two sisters-in-law, Norman Nance of Bountiful, Utah, Gordon and Brenda Nance of Perry, Ga., Joe Compton of Belding, Mich., Bob and Linda Prescott of Belding and Johnny Prescott of Pontotoc; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Norman Delos Compton, in January 1997; his stepmother, Doris Compton; his stepfather, Floyd Prescott, in August 1972; and his elder sister, Alice Klink, in November 1995.

Herbert Funeral Home P.C. of Manistee was in charge of arrangements.

Cynthia Bridges

NACOGDOCHES, Texas — Cynthia Kay "Cindy" Bridges, 55, died Aug. 7, 2006, in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Ms. Bridges

She was born Feb. 13, 1951, in Garrett.

She worked in construction for most of her life, with some of that career spent with Brown & Root in Nacogdoches.

She was a 1969 graduate of Tucson High School in Tucson, Ariz. Her Native American spiritual brothers and sisters named her "Warrior Woman" for her constant fight to live and triumph over her disease, diabetes.

Surviving are her son, James Elvis Cates of Nacogdoches; her mother, Joan Sanxter of Pyatt, Ark.; a stepmother, Thelma Mock of Tucson, Ariz.; her sister, Yvonda Lee Robinett of Pyatt, Ark.; and her grandmother, Edna Haffner of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Mock; a grandfather, Roy Mock of Butler; and grandparents Mabel and Lamont Likes.

A memorial service was held Aug. 15 at Lilly Grove Baptist Church with the Rev. Sonny Scarborough officiating.

Memorials are to The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 550 Bailey Ave., Suite 304, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
August 31, 2006, Thursday

Bernard Perrin

LIGONIER — Bernard C. "Bernie" Perrin, 76, of Ligonier died at 12:40 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at his home. He had been ill three months.

Mr. Perrin had been a machinist employed with Walerko Tool and Engineering for 30 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a 1949 graduate of Goshen High School and had lived in Ligonier since 1984.

Mr. Perrin enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and going to garage sales.

He was born April 1, 1930, in Goshen to Thomas and Lillie (Reeves) Perrin. He married Joan Smith on Sept. 15, 1950, in Goshen. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Marjorie and Larry Haynes of Ligonier, Brenda and Cris Leal of Elkhart and Yalanda and Brad Sanford of Wawaka; three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Terry Perrin of Manassas, Va., Timothy and Lori Perrin of Nappanee and Paul Michael and Bobbi Perrin of Bridgeview, Ill.; a sister, Rhoda Moriarty of Goshen; a brother and sister-in-law, Thirston and Margaret Perrin of Goshen; 20 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Deborah Hughes; a son, Terry Perrin; and a granddaughter, Joan Gresso.

A memorial service and fellowship meal was heldTuesday at Goshen Church of Christ with Elders Brad Price and Keith Besson officiating. Burial was in Violett Cemetery at Goshen.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospital Hospice or the Goshen Church of Christ.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

From the Family of Haylee Watts

We would like to thank friends, family and the entire community for all the support we have received these past few weeks. Food, flowers, gifts, monetary donations and all the time and prayers given to us are just overwhelming. There is no way to send thank-you cards to everyone.

Haylee's service was just awesome due to all who had a hand in it. There were so many behind the scenes who helped during the 3-day ordeal when we brought her home.

Words cannot express our appreciation for everyone who was there for us and continue to be in this time.

God says, "A child will lead them." Haylee has done that, and continues to. We know her memory will go on through all who knew her. Have "Haylee Moments" and be a friend to every person you meet.

Taylor & Cheryl Watts
Pete & Sarah Wroblewski

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3 die in crash

BY JULIANA CASILLAS
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SHIPSHEWANA — A two-vehicle accident this morning in rural LaGrange County killed three people, including members of an Amish work crew. Four others were airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne and another person was taken to Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

The accident happened at about 5:55 a.m. on C.R. 250N and 1000W, just west of Shipshewana.

According to LaGrange County Sheriff Department Deputy Ed Flowers, there were eight people in the pickup truck, members of an Amish construction crew heading to work. The driver of the mini-van was alone.

Flowers said the three fatalities were the driver in the mini-van and two people from the pickup truck. He said they were all area residents.

This morning LaGrange County Sheriff Greg Dhaene was notifying the families of those who died.

JULIANA CASILLAS

Three people were killed in a two-vehicle crash in rural LaGrange County this morning.

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Arthur Bailey

AUBURN — Arthur Morr Bailey, 87, died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at Wesley HealthCare in Auburn.

Mr. Bailey

Mr. Bailey worked as a machinist at General Electric Co. in Fort Wayne for 39 years, retiring in 1981, and was a farmer.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1942-1945. He was a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 97 in Auburn, the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars, Loyal Order of the Moose 566 and Friendship Grange. He made the land available for the original Jackson Township Little League baseball diamond.

He was born Nov. 21, 1918, in Auburn to William Arthur Fredrick Bailey and Beulah Mae (Morr) Bailey. They preceded him in death.

He married DeRoyal Inez Penland on Feb. 20, 1941, in Auburn. She died in October 1978.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas Arthur Bailey of Beloit, Wis., and William Eugene Bailey of Auburn; two daughters, Linda Lou Kennedy and Pamela Sue Daub, both of Auburn; 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lamar “Bud” Bailey and Charles Eugene Bailey.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Saneta Maiko and the Rev. Eugene Woolever will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, with a military graveside service by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Meese Chapel United Methodist Church of rural Auburn.

Cecil Wells

CORUNNA — Cecil Wells, 88, of Corunna, died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Wells was self-employed and owned and operated Cecil Wells Excavating. He attended the Corunna Community Church in Corunna.

He was born April 30, 1918, in LaOtto to Edward and Etta (Brand) Wells. They preceded him in death.

He married Sarah Betty Littlefield in 1936 in Garrett. She died in 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Cecil LaMarr and Helen Wells of South Vienna, Ohio, and Robert LeRoy and Emma Wells of Corunna; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Winifred Joanne Wells, in 1942, two sisters and six brothers.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Corunna Community Church.

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Frederick Hamrick

DECATUR — Frederick L. "Zeke" Hamrick, 75 of Decatur died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1930, in Adams County to James E. and Ardella (Kallenberger) Hamrick. He married Wanda L. Gibson on Sept. 21, 1957 in Allen County, and she survives in Decatur.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Decatur and American Legion Post No. 43. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Hamrick retired in 1990 from Tokheim with 34 years of service. He had also been a truck driver for Kruse Stock Hauling in Wren, Ohio.

Also surviving are three sons, James R. Hamrick of Marion, Rick L. Hamrick of Decatur, and Brad D. Hamrick of Decatur; a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila F. and Randy Shoaf of Decatur; six brothers, Kenneth Hamrick of Saginaw, Texas, Herbert Hamrick of Decatur, Chester Hamrick of Van Wert, Ohio, Merle Hamrick of New York, and Merlin Hamrick of Berne; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Wilma and Jack Wilson of Angola, Gerrie and Kenneth Everett of Decatur, Dorothy Wilhite of Bluffton, Patsy Evans of Avon Park, Fla., and Priscella Phillips of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two granddaughters,Tiffany and Amber Shoaf, both of Decatur.

He was preceded in death was one sister, Linda Baker.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur, with the Rev. Daniel Gadbaw officiating. Calling is from 5-8 p.m. today.

Burial will be in the Tricker Cemetery, Monroe.

Russell Conrad

LIGONIER — Russell Dean Conrad, 85, of Ligonier died at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Conrad

Mr. Conrad was a lifetime Ligonier resident and had been a farmer for many years.

He served on the West Noble school board from 1970 to 1979.

Mr. Conrad was a member of Burr Oak Church in Ligonier and an associate member of First Christian Church.

Among his accomplishments was receiving an award from the Dairy Association.

He was born May 19, 1922, in Ligonier to Virl and Estella (Kinnison) Conrad. He married Evelyn Elliott on Dec. 1, 1946, in Jonesboro. She survives.

Also surviving are son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Jan Conrad of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Steve Poppe of Pleasanton, Calif., and Jayne and David Alger of Ligonier; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Steven Conrad, who died in 1979 while serving in the military.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Lawrence Byrnes officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Burr Oak Church and the Goshen General Hospital Hospice.

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Police identify crash victims

JULIANA CASILLAS

A minivan, at left behind the playset, and a pickup truck filled with a construction crew collided Friday morning near Shipshewana. Three people were killed and five were seriously injured in the crash.

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3 killed when pickup filled with workmen collides with van

BY WANDA YODER
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SHIPSHEWANA — Victims of a two-vehicle crash Friday morning that killed three people and seriously injured five others have been identified.

The drivers of both vehicles involved, Jeffrey A. Good, 50, of Shipshewana, and Duane M. Greenwald, 59, of Howe, died at the scene. Kevin Eash, 34, who was sitting in the middle front seat in the Greenwald vehicle, was also pronounced dead at the scene.

Greenwald's pickup truck with a crew cab was carrying eight people, members of a construction crew on their way to work. Good was traveling by himself in a minivan.

According to police, Good was traveling north on C.R. 1000W, approaching the intersection of C.R. 250N, at about 5:50 a.m. Friday. Greenwald was westbound on C.R. 250N, approaching C.R. 1000W. Good allegedly failed to stop and yield the right of way to Greenwald and entered the intersection. Greenwald's pickup struck Good's minivan in the passenger side, causing Good's minivan to roll onto its side as it skidded in a northwest direction. The pickup continued west and also rolled onto its top, ejecting Greenwald.

Police said some of the accident victims were trapped inside Greenwald's pickup for a short time. Once emergency crews were able to free the men from the wreckage, they were airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. One of the injured men was transported to Parkview LaGrange Hospital by ambulance and later airlifted to Parkview Fort Wayne.

Injured in the Greenwald vehicle were:

- Jacob Schmucker of LaGrange,

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CRASH: *Shipshewana wreck still under investigation*

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who was sitting in the back on the driver's side. He was in serious condition Friday night at Parkview Fort Wayne.

- Ernest Lehman of LaGrange, who was sitting near the middle of the back seat, was listed in serious condition Friday night at Parkview Fort Wayne.
- Also injured were Daniel Lehman of LaGrange, Marcus Lambright of Topeka and Maylan Lambright of LaGrange. Parkview Fort Wayne did not have any condition reports on the three men. Lehman was sitting near the middle of the crew cab's back seat when the accident occurred, as was Marcus Lambright. Maylan Lambright was sitting in the front seat on the passenger side.
- Freeman Schmucker of LaGrange, who was sitting on the passenger side of the back seat, was treated at the scene for a minor injury and released.

LaGrange County Sheriff's Deputy Ed Flowers did not indicate whether either of the drivers or the pickup's passengers were wearing seat belts. However, Indiana law does not require the driver or adult passengers in a pickup to wear a seat belt.

The intersection was closed for several hours while emergency crews worked to free the dead and injured from the wreckage.

The accident is under investigation by Flowers. Others involved included Deputy Randy Mellinger, LaGrange County Chief Deputy Tom Clarkson, LaGrange County Sheriff Greg Dhaene, Shipshewana Town Marshal Tom Fitch, Shipshewana Fire Rescue, Middlebury Fire Rescue, LaGrange EMS and Parkview Samaritan.

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Kevin Eash

SHIPSHEWANA — Kevin Eugene Eash, 34, of Shipshewana died at 6:04 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, as a result of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of C.R. 250N and C.R. 1000W near Shipshewana.

Mr. Eash was the owner/operator of Miller's Carpentry in Shipshewana. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Oct. 6, 1971, in Goshen to Orla O. and Lydia Mae (Yoder) Eash. Both survive in Shipshewana. On Sept. 30, 1992, he married Treva E. Mullet in Shipshewana. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Sharon, Loretta, Jolene, Karena and Amy Joe Eash, all at home; a grandmother, Barbara Yoder of Goshen; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Doretta and Larry Miller of Goshen and Carolyn and Elmer Yoder Jr. of Middlebury; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Galen and Ida Eash of Middlebury and Marlin and Doris Eash of Shipshewana.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Lyle Hochstetler residence, 3130 N. C.R. 675W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Marvin Bontrager and the home ministers officiating. Calling will be after 1 p.m. Sunday and all day Monday at the family residence, 3830 N. C.R. 675W, Shipshewana.

Burial will be at East Barrens Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Katharine Brazel

LIGONIER — Katharine Maria Brazel, 92, of Ligonier died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at Avalon Village Nursing Home, Ligonier.

Mrs. Brazel was a lifetime area resident who owned and operated Brazel Bait Shop on Lake Wawasee for many years. She was a member of Wawasee Lakeside Chapel and a graduate of Albion High School.

She enjoyed gardening, mushroom hunting and fishing, especially ice fishing. She was an avid bowler at Wawasee Bowl for many years.

She was born on Nov. 2, 1913, in Arcola to Irvin and Emma (Hissong) Bair. They preceded her in death. On Nov. 28, 1935, she married Russell Brazel. He preceded her in death Feb. 27, 2004.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lexie Jane and William Sylvester of Goshen; two sons and daughters-in-law, Walter Lee and Anne Brazel of Ligonier and Jack Russell and Sandee Lynn Brazel of Kimmell; a brother, Arthur Bair of Upland; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were three sisters and a brother.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel in Syracuse with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Calling will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, P.O. Box 544, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Jeffrey Good

SHIPSHEWANA — Jeffrey A. Good, 50, of Shipshewana died at 6:04 a.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, as a result of a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of C.R. 250N and C.R. 1000W near Shipshewana.

Mr. Good

Mr. Good was a cost accounting manager for Haulmark Industries, Bristol. He was a member of Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana. He enjoyed fishing, family vacations, coaching and watching his sons play sports.

He was born March 31, 1956, in Valparaiso to Simon J. and Marjorie (Yoder) Good. On July 21, 1984, in Goshen, he married Sherry Kronk, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Justin, Steffen, Tristan and Logan, all at home; his mother and stepfather, Marjorie and Raymond Good-Mast of Kouts; a sister and brother-in-law, Beth and Kevin Gerig of Mishawaka; and a brother and sister-in-law, Marty and Ann Good of Valparaiso.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with the Revs. Carl Horner and Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be at Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be at the church from 2-5 p.m. Sunday and 4-8 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to the family for college saving funds for their sons.

Arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Online condolences may be sent at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Robert Milner

ANGOLA — Robert Joseph Milner, 63, of Angola died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

Mr. Milner

Mr. Milner was born Dec. 5, 1942, in Springfield, Ohio, to Robert Lee and Annie (Heritage) Milner, who preceded him in death.

He married Claudette Thomas on Dec. 10, 1993, in Angola and she survives.

Mr. Milner was a photographer. He was the official photographer of the ASA Late Model Series (ASALMS), which is short track racing. He formerly was the official photographer of Champion Racing Association.

He was a devoted ASALMS official and enjoyed the entire racing community. He was regarded as one of the nation's best racing photographers. He is a graduate of Wittenberg University, Springfield.

He also is survived by two sons, Kevin Milner of Angola and Brian Kresse of Orland; three daughters, Lisa Foreman and Angela Barnthouse, both of Angola, and Nicole Custer of Celina, Ohio; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Chaplain Wayne Moeckel officiating. There is no calling.

Memorials are to Victory Chapel Ministries, P.O. Box 844, Commerce, GA 30529.

Paula Hegedus

LAGRANGE — Paula Hegedus, 58, of LaGrange died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2006, at home of natural causes.

Miss Hegedus performed clerical work. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in LaGrange and for many years was a member of the adult literary council.

She was born June 19, 1948, in Sturgis, Mich., to Steven Sr. and Fanny (Beck) Hegedus. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother, Steven Hegedus of Perrysburg, Ohio, and a sister, Judith Murphy of Sturgis.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Betty Hill and Stephanie Dillion.

A memorial service will take place at a later date. Cremation will take place at a later date.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Online condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Marjorie Weimer

HUDSON — Marjorie L. Weimer, 81, of Hudson died Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, at 3:25 a.m. at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

Mrs. Weimer worked at General Electric and Angola Nursing Home. She was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, a 50-year member and former Worthy Matron of the Hudson Order of the Eastern Star and a 50-year member of the Salem Lamplighters Club.

She was born Nov. 21, 1924, in Decatur to Delma and Lydia (Gresley) Ruckman. On March 17, 1946, in rural Hudson, she married Edwin S. Weimer. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Roger German of Angola; and two grandchildren and a spouse, Karen German of Angola and Brice and Jan German of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Martha Ventruella and Mable Tickle.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today at Flint Cemetery with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Kidney or Arthritis foundations.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Condolences can be sent to Johnson@bnin.net.

Howard Freed

KENDALLVILLE — Howard Freed, 92, died Friday afternoon, Sept. 1, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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Military, church service highlighted life

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Violet Greenawalt was only in the U.S. Army for about a year during World War II, when she worked as a secretary.

She never talked a lot about it, but after she died on Aug. 22 her family discovered what an important part of her life that military service must have been.

"We found lots and lots of pictures from when she was in the Army," said Violet's granddaughter, Megan Collins. "She was a WAC (member of the Women's Army Corps), and she was stationed in (Washington) D.C. She worked under some of the top Army officers. She never said much about it, but we just now found out what a big part of her that was."

Violet was always trying to teach her grandchildren life skills ... and Megan admitted they weren't always receptive.

"She knitted and she sewed, and she was so patient trying to teach us, even though it never really panned out," she said. "I kind of regret now that I never learned, because by the time I really wanted to her eyes were too bad."

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Violet Greenawalt is pictured when she was in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Violet's daughter Jill Collins of Angola said she would like people to remember her mother as "a hard worker who loved her family."

"She had a hard life, but a good life," Jill said. "She grew up in Nevada Mills, and she had to be a worker. She tried to pass that on to us."

Violet married Elton Greenawalt on Dec. 31, 1950. The couple were the parents of three sons and two daughters.

Megan remembered going to her grandparents' house with her siblings and cousins for summer sleep-overs in her younger years.

"They had 18 acres. That's one of the places us kids would spend our time," she said.

Holiday traditions were also important to Violet.

"We'd have Christmases here at her house until she couldn't handle it anymore," Megan said. "Year after year, she'd put up the same things she always had."

Violet attended Nevada Mills United Methodist Church when she was growing up. After she and Elton got married, they and their family attended church in Ray.

"She loved music," Jill said. "She taught us all to sing and play instruments, and we'd sing specials in church as a family."

Violet was also a Sunday school teacher and nursery helper at the Ray church. Once the Greenawalt children were grown, Violet and Elton went back to Nevada Mills to worship.

Violet was "Grammy" to 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Megan, 27, had recently moved into her grandparents' Angola home to help care for them.

Violet's daughter Robin Seiler of Bronson, Mich. remembers her mother as "happy."

"She liked to be outside," Robin said. "She liked to work in her garden and camp."

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L. Helen Oberlin

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Lylya "Helen" Oberlin, 105, of Battle Creek, Mich., died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at Heartland Health Care Center.

She was born Dec. 25, 1900, in Wilmington Township of DeKalb County to Jacob Lawrence Ginder and Myrta Savilla Rhoads.

On Sept. 20, 1919, she married Akin Albert Farnsworth, with whom she had one son, Eugene Edward Farnsworth. The marriage ended in divorce. During World II, she and Eugene lived in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she worked as a seamstress, resewing parachutes for the armed forces.

On June 15, 1945, she married Leonard Oberlin. They moved to the Battle Creek area, then later to Newton Township, and lived in Springview Tower at Battle Creek beginning in 1981.

Mrs. Oberlin was an active member of Home Grange No. 129, Kimball House Society, Rebekah Lodge No. 297 IOOF and Trinity Lutheran Church. Her special concern at Trinity Lutheran Church was the Altar Guild, which she helped organize in the 1950s. She was a member of the Dorcas Women's Circle and the Senior Citizens of Trinity and taught Sunday School. She lived her life for the church, was faithful in worship and made several donations for special projects. The church and serving others were her most important activities.

In 1987, she was selected for the Michigan 150 First Lady Award.

While in Battle Creek, she did babysitting for families. Until she lost her accident-free (for 85 years) driver's license due to failing the vision exam, she transported her neighbors and friends to their activities and medical appointments. When she would receive money for gasoline, it always went into a box "for the poor" and would be disbursed to those in need and to related causes.

Surviving are three granddaughters, eight great-grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by both husbands, her son and a great-grandson.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Newton Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Colleen Nelson officiating.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church for children's education.

Richard A. Henry Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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Howard Jay Freed

KENDALLVILLE — Howard Jay Freed, 92, of Kendallville died on Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, in the Emergency Room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was employed with Flint and Walling in Kendallville and enjoyed wood working, gardening and fishing.

He was born on March 26, 1914, in Corunna to Samuel and Elizabeth (Smith) Freed.

He married Ruth H. Wilson on June 11, 1936, in Albion. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Elizabeth and Robert Kollman and Sharon and Bill Terry, all of Kendallville; one son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Sally Freed of Rome City; six grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; a brother and two sisters-in-law, Elmer and Doris Freed and Virginia Freed, all of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Donald, Clarence and Robert Freed; and five sisters, Avah Krum, Mary Hartman, Esther Leins, Dahla Schmuck and Pearl Manon.

Graveside services and burial will be at 10 a.m. on Monday at Fairfield Center Cemetery, north of Corunna, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating.

There is no visitation.

Casket bearers will be Chris Terry, Billy Terry, Kyle Terry, Joseph Freed, Todd Kollman and Jim Swartzlander.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Della V. Franklin

LIGONIER — Della V. Franklin, 87, of Ligonier, died at 6:55 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and devoted mother.

Mrs. Franklin was a member of the Syracuse United Pentecostal Church.

She was born on May 16, 1919, in Dorchester, Va., to James and Sarah (Stewart) Crider.

She married Robert Franklin on Aug. 24, 1935. He died in 1998.

Surviving are eight daughters, Fay Ray and Jeanie LeCount, both of Ligonier, Ann Allen of Greenwood, Louise Steele of Little Mountain, S.C., Laura Johnston of Cromwell, Sandra Galloway and Joyce Monger, both of Fort Wayne, and Mary Caudill of Goshen; three sons, Neal Franklin of Norton, Va., John Samuel Franklin of Fort Wayne, and David B. Franklin of Topeka; 27 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; 12 great great-grandchildren; one sister, Lucille Clark of Ligonier; three sister-in-laws, Bonnie Crider of Kingsport, Tenn., Helen Crider of Ligonier, and Audrey Franklin of Weber City, Va.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Betty Lou Franklin, three grandchildren, and several brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Ron Cox and the Rev. Craig Fritchley officiating. Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., and one hour prior to services on Monday.

Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

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Charlotte Parvu

GARRETT — Charlotte V. Parvu, 84, of Garrett died Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Parvu worked for Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett and as a seamstress. She also was a nurse's aide at Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

Mrs. Parvu

She was born May 9, 1922, in Butler to Walter and Helen (Hook) Bock.

On May 10, 1940, in Garrett, she married Theodore N. Parvu. He died in 1983.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Theodore J. and Sallianne Parvu of Albion and Michael E. and Mary Parvu of Kendallville; two brothers, Max Bock of Garrett and Keith Bock of Florida; four grandsons, Michael Parvu of Garrett, Theodore J. Parvu Jr. of Arizona, Todd Middleton of Albion and Jeff Middleton of Anderson; three granddaughters and a spouse, Pamela Smith and Heather and James Hornbeak, all of Garrett, and Lynette Parvu of Albion; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Theodore P. Parvu; and four brothers, Raymond, Charles, Robert and LeRoy Bock.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6 -8 p.m. and Thursday from 9-10 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Martin's House or St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Lenore Baird

LAGRANGE — Lenore K. Baird, 65, of rural LaGrange died at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

On Aug. 29, 1941, in Kalamazoo, Mich., she was born to Harold Carney and Bonnabelle Baker Grate Westphal. She married Paul M. Baird on June 25, 1961, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Dec. 8, 2000.

She was a homemaker and lived most of her life in LaGrange County.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Timothy Goins of LaGrange; five sons, Matthew R. Baird of Midland, Texas, Michael L. Baird of Cedar Springs, Mich., Mark A. Baird of Avilla, and Sean A. Baird and Aaron J. Baird, both of Angola; a brother, Earl Vining of Bozeman, Mont.; four sisters, Sally Hicks and Carol Henry, both of Kendallville, Barbara Mortimore of Wolcottville, and Christine Mills of Elkhart; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, two brothers, Harold and Daniel Westphal, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Amos Wickey

SHIPSHEWANA — Amos J. Wickey, 85, of Shipshewana died at 4:37 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, at his son David's rural LaGrange residence.

On May 6, 1921, in LaGrange, he was born to Jacob S. and Susan (Miller) Wickey. He married Edna Yoder on Nov. 11, 1943. She preceded him in death on March 23, 1967. He then married Viola Mast on April 12, 1968, in LaGrange. She survives.

He was a retired farmer and self-employed carpenter. He belonged to the Hebron Christian Fellowship.

Surviving in addition to his second wife are three daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Maynard Miller of Millersburg, Suetta and David Beachy of Middlebury, and Retha and Freeman Yoder of Arlington, Kan.; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Ruth Wickey of LaGrange, and Vernon and Yvette Wickey of Hutchinson, Kan.; a brother, Samuel Wickey of Shipshewana; a sister, Barbara Chupp of Goshen; 16 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife, Edna, his parents, brothers John and Perry Wickey, sister Pauline Wickey, and granddaughter Greta preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Emma Mennonite Church, Emma, with the Revs. Henry Hershberger, Virgil Hershberger and Steve Kooistra officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, rural LaGrange.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Faron, Herman and Freeman Miller, Joel and Brian Wickey and Nyal Beachy.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press, New Paris, Ind.

Send condolences online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

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Jerry Smith

FORT WAYNE — Jerry Lee Smith, 65, formerly of LaGrange County, died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, at Visiting Nurses and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

On Nov. 2, 1940, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Carl Fredrick and Annella Mae (Spuller) Smith. He was married to and divorced from Brenda Beagly, JoAnn Bressler and Kim Knott. He had a son by Brenda, Michael Grossman, a daughter by JoAnn, Diane Smith, and a son by Kim, Daniel Birch.

His parents resided in Fort Wayne until moving to Woodruff in 1941.

He attended Wolcottville schools and graduated from Wolcottville High School in 1958.

Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Marines for almost four years. He had various jobs until employed by Don Ray of Drive-A-Way Co. in Decatur for 34 years.

He was a free spirit who never liked to take orders.

Surviving are his mother, a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Erwin Householder of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Pam Smith of Churubusco; a niece, Jessica Smith of Churubusco; and two nephews and a nephew's spouse, Brandon Smith of Huntington, and John and Kathy Householder, Thompson Station, Tenn.

His father preceded him in death.

A fellowship gathering will be held Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 4935 Hillegas Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurses and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814, Attention Jill Law.

Send condolences online to www.frupmayfuneralhome.com.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Levi Bontrager

LIGONIER — Levi E. Bontrager, 72, of Ligonier died at 9:47 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, in the Goshen General Hospital emergency room in Goshen.

He was self-employed as a salesman for promotional and advertising products, and he also worked at Starcraft for 11 years, Holly Park in Shipshewana for 32 years, and Tite-Lok in Topeka for five years.

In LaGrange County on June 27, 1934, he was born to Eli and Anna (Yoder) Bontrager. On Feb. 13, 1964, in Emma Mennonite Church, Emma, he married Edna Yoder. She survives.

Also surviving are five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Fannie Miller of Millersburg, Lavina and Sam Whetstone of Middlebury, Wilma and Amos J. Miller, Edna and Harvey Farmwald and Elizabeth and Lewis Hochstetler, all of Shipshewana; and a brother and sister-in-law, Alton and Arlene Bontrager of Middlebury.

In addition to his parents, two brothers, Homer and Harley Bontrager, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. Mahlon Miller officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Paula Hegedus

LAGRANGE — Paula Hegedus, 58, of LaGrange died at 5:32 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2006, at her residence.

In Stugis, Mich., on June 19, 1948, she was born to Steven and Fanny (Beck) Hegedus Sr.

She performed clerical work, was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, and for many years was a member of the adult literary council.

Surviving are a brother, Steven Hegedus of Perrysburg, Ohio, and a sister, Judith Murphy of Sturgis, Mich.

In addition to his parents, two sisters, Betty Hill and Stephanie Dillion, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 10 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Condolences may sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

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Max Spangle

ANGOLA — Max E. Spangle, 87, of Angola died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Spangle was born July 29, 1919, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Roy C. and Pearle (Braman) Spangle Sutton. He married Gloria L. Deller on Dec. 24, 1941, in Angola. She survives.

He was a former part-owner of Hoosier Cartage and Angola Cartage. He also was the maintenance supervisor at the Steuben County Courthouse. He was in the 503rd Regimental Combat Team in the southwest Pacific during World War II.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and the Angola Rotary Club. He was a charter member of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola and served on the board of directors for the Steuben Lakes Regional Waste District.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Susan Spangle of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah S. and Lynn Smathers of Hudson; four grandchildren and their spouses, Jennifer and Jon Cleaver of Chicago, Kara and Cameron McElwrath of Auburn, Ill. and Michelle and Ryan Herbert and Matthew Spangle, all of Angola; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert F. Spangle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Pleasant View Church of Christ. Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Arrangements are being handled by H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

Condolences can be left online at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Burton Petre

HAMILTON — Burton C. "Chris" Petre, 80, of Hamilton died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center, Angola.

Mr. Petre was born July 21, 1926, in Steuben County to Christopher and Hannah (Beebe) Petre. He was married to Louise Deelee Petre on Aug. 6, 1970, and she preceded him in death.

He was a supervisor at Modenaire Corp. in Waterloo, retiring in 1989.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Pearl Petre and Howard and Wendie Petre, all of Angola, and Toby and Gina Petre of Hamilton; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dianna and Eddie Kellogg of Edon, Ohio, Susie and David MacFayden of Fredricksburg, Md. and Tina Skeens of Angola; three sisters, Donna King of Angola, Jane Hopkins of Edon and Bonnie Pinkham of Bryan, Ohio; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Basil Petre; and four sisters, Rose Grady, Pat Coffey, Nellie Winebrenner and Kathyryn Alleshouse.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Ruth Dirrim

HAMILTON — Ruth Martha Thompson Dirrim, 91, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Jamie Dressler

LAGRANGE — Jamie I. Dressler, 48, of LaGrange died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006. Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Kermit Lautzenshiser

HAMILTON — Kermit A. Lautzenhiser, 97, of Hamilton died at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1, 2006, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Bryan, Ohio after a brief illness.

Mr. Lautzenhiser was born March 24, 1909 near Edon, Ohio to John Arlington and Christiana "Chrissie" (Dirrim) Lautzenheiser. He married Luella M. Keppler on Jan. 19, 1941 in Van Wert, Ohio and she preceded him in death on Dec. 18, 1999.

He was a a 1926 graduate of Edon High School and graduated from Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. He started Farm Electric Service near Edon and then opened The Appliance Center in Edon and operated that until 1969. He then briefly taught Electrical Education at 4-County Joint Vocational School.

He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps, obtaining the rank of sergeant. He served with the 305 1st AAF Base Unit as a radar mechanic. He was a member of the Edon American Legion Post No. 662 for nearly 60 years, St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Steuben County Waste Watchers. He was formerly on the Edon Board of Public Affairs and was a former board member and membership chairman for the Hamilton Lake Association.

Surviving are a daughter, Niann Lautzenhiser of Hamilton; a brother, Robert Ezra Lautzenheiser, of Reading, Mass.; and a sister, Virginia Mae Kindler, of Montpelier, Ohio.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Willis Paul and Dwight Dirrim Lautzenheiser.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edon, with the Rev. Clayton J. Bailey officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, Edon.

Burial will be in Edon Cemetery with graveside military rites conducted by members of Edon American Legion Post No. 662.

Memorials are to St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent to and the online register signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Emma Kriete

MADISON — Emma Marie "Curly" Wilson Kriete, 83, of Madison died at 4:51 a.m. Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, in Angola.

Mrs. Kriete was born Sept. 27, 1922, in North Vernon to Emmerson Orvine and Edna Mae (McFadden) Wilson. She was married to Harlan F. Kriete on April 26, 1941, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour. He died on July 28, 2005.

She was raised in North Vernon and moved to Madison in 1941. She was a 1940 graduate of North Vernon High School. She had worked for Southwestern School Corp. as the food services director for several years until 1964. She was then employed as a secretary for the former Conn Organ Co. in Madison, and later served as secretary and office manager for Kriete Livestock and Kriete Real Estate.

She had been a member of the former Madison County Club for many years and was a faithful member of Faith Lutheran Church, where she had served as organist. She enjoyed playing the piano and organ and golf and was an avid bridge player.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Harlan William and Donna Kriete of Angola and the Rev. Robert L. and Nancy Kriete of Union, Mo.; a sister and brother-in-law, Georganna Wilson and Mel Parlo of Fort Meyers, Fla.; a half-sister and brother-in-law, Nancy Jane Bartlett and Byford Sharp of North Vernon; a half-brother and sister-in-law, Jack Lee and Nora Bartlett of Scanfield, Miss.; four grandchildren and their spouses, Susan and Jason Hosford, Andrea and Matt Millard, Gregory Alan and Leslie Kriete and Matthew Aaron and Niki Kriete; six great-grandchildren, Madelyn and Jeffrey Hosford, Anna and Mark Henry Millard and Connor and Jenna Kriete; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was also preceded in death by her father on March 31, 1927; her stepfather, Russell Bartlett, on July 26, 1981; her mother on Aug. 19, 1998; and her half-brother, Harold James "Jimmy" Bartlett, on July 19, 1979.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Faith Lutheran Church, Madison, with the Rev. Jeff Pflug officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, Madison, and Thursday from 9 a.m. until the time of services at the church.

Burial will be in Grandview Memorial Gardens, Madison.

Memorials are to Faith Lutheran Church.

Condolences can be left online at www.morgan-nay.com.

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Ruth Dirrim

Mrs. Dirrim

HAMILTON — Ruth Martha Thompson Dirrim, 91, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dirrim worked at Rieke Corp. in Auburn for 29 years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of Hamilton United Methodist Church.

She was born Sept. 23, 1914, in Worth County, Ga., to Chelsey and Eula (Sumner) Thompson. They preceded her in death.

She married Marion Dirrim II on Feb. 16, 1946, in Valdosta, Ga. He died Oct. 21, 1986.

Surviving are two brothers, Thomas Thompson of Macon, Ga., and Grady Thompson of Tifton, Ga.; three sisters, Jessie Duncan of North Augusta, S.C., Janet Willis of Moultrie, Ga., and Clayra Wisham of Columbus, Ga.; and two sisters-in-law, Ivadell Dirrim of Waterloo and Helen Booth of Durand, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Thompson, and a sister, Margaret Watson.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Hamilton United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Virgil Lancaster

HAMILTON — Virgil D. "Tom" Lancaster, 52, of Hamilton died Thursday, Aug. 24, 2006, at the emergency room of Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Lancaster was born Aug. 8, 1954, in Angola to Jack Lancaster and Linda Green. He worked for A and B Flooring.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Jack and Shirley Lancaster of Angola; his mother, Linda Lewis of Montpelier, Ohio; two sons, Brett and Zack Lancaster, both of Angola; a daughter, Amber Lancaster of Hawaii; three brothers, Jack Lancaster of Angola, Joe Lancaster of Sturgis, Mich. and Donald Humbarger of Bryan, Ohio; and four sisters, Kim Lancaster Cole of Coldwater, Mich., Connie Sandoval and Kathy Bostater, both of Montpelier, and Angie Dennison of Bryan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County, followed by a potluck dinner for family and friends at the 101 Banquet Hall, Angola. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Harold Hartman

ALBION — Harold L. Hartman, 61, of Albion died at 3:24 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, at the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room, Kendallville.

On Aug. 16, 1945, in Wolf Lake, he was born to Walter and Isbelle (Scheurich) Hartman. He married Catherine Clouse on June 24, 1967, in Albion.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident and a general contractor.

Mr. Hartman was a compassionate and caring person. He loved his family and keeping busy. He loved to farm and being outside. He enjoyed his ponies, had a great sense of humor and strong faith in helping at the food pantry. He was very strong-willed, a good Samaritan and loved his country.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Lindsay Hartman of Fort Wayne; three daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Ed Steele of Pleasant Lake, Jody and Shon Hoeppner of Columbia City, and Sandra and Lee Stringfellow of Wawaka; a sister, Sharon Shively of Fort Wayne; and 16 grandchildren, Cody, Courtney, Treror, Aarronn, Rianna, Michael, Trenton and Tyler Steele, Kurstyn, Kohltin, Kathelyn and Kleyson Hoeppner, and Lee, Isabelle and Meta Stringfellow; and Oz the pet grandcat.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Albion Wesleyan Church, Albion. Burial will be in Sparta Township Cemetery, Kimmell.

Military graveside services will be conducted by the American Legion Post 246 of Albion.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion chapel, and also one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Hazel Heston

HAMILTON — Hazel Heston, 94, of Hamilton died of cancer Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Heston

Mrs. Heston was a lifetime resident of Hamilton, a homemaker and assisted her husband, Hubert, in their business, Heston Insurance. She attended the Hamilton United Methodist Church and was a longtime member of the Rebekah Lodge. Her bridge group, the Brigettes, provided her with much enjoyment for more than 50 years.

Born May 2, 1912, in Hamilton, she was the daughter of Joseph and Belle (Lemon) Sewell.

She married Hubert Heston on May 3, 1931, in Ridgeville, Ind., and he preceded her in death in 1980.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Marvin and Sharon Heston of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Connie Stepp of Wellsville, N.Y.; a son-in-law, Bill Stepp of Tiffin, Ohio; four grandchildren and their spouses, Kevin Heston, Scott Heston and his wife, Rhonda, and Douglas Heston and his wife, Carrie, all of Fort Wayne, and Lori Stepp of Decatur, Ga.; five great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; several nieces, a nephew; and a special friend and caretaker, Dee Newman of Angola.

In addition to her parents and husband, a brother, Bill Sewell and two sisters, Pauline Brant and Delores Hughes, preceded her in death.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home & Crematory of Hamilton with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Burial will follow in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Condolences may be sent to the family and an online guest book may be signed at www.oberlin-ford.com.

Morgan Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Morgan O. Miller, 70, died Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at his residence.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Fairfield Center Cemetery near Corunna with the Rev. Paul Marki officiating.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Bunn

CHURUBUSCO — Margaret Bunn, 73, of Churubusco died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Jamie Dressler

LAGRANGE — Jamie I. (Landrum) Dressler, 48, of LaGrange died Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006, at her residence.

In Marion, Ohio, on Jan. 1, 1958, she was born to Earl and Grace (Griffin) Landrum.

She worked at Motel 6 in Warsaw as a housekeeper for several years.

She liked to collect Indian artifacts and wolf collectives. She missed not being with her daughters who she will always love.

Surviving are two daughters, Heather and Nasha, both of Ohio; a brother; three sisters; and a friend, Rollin Johnson, with whom she made her home.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
September 6, 2006, Wednesday

Harold L. Hartman, 61

Harold L. Hartman, 61 of rural Albion died at 3:24 pm Monday, September 4, 2006 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, IN.

He was born August 16, 1945 in Wolf Lake, IN. to Walter Hartman and Isabelle (Scheurich) Hartman. Both parents preceded him in death.

He married Catherine Clouse on June 24, 1967 in Albion, IN. She survives.

Harold was a compassionate and caring person who loved his family and keeping busy. He loved to farm and being outside. He enjoyed his ponies, being in the background and being very funny. He had a great sense of humor, strong in his faith and helping at the Food Pantry. He was a good Samaritan, was very strong willed, and he loved his country.

Surviving besides his wife are 1 son and 3 daughters: Joseph (Linsay) Hartman of Ft. Wayne, IN; Tammy (Ed) Steele of Pleasant Lake, IN; Jody (Shon) Hoeppner of Columbia City, IN and Sandra (Lee) Stringfellow of Wawaka, IN; a sister Sharon Shively of Ft. Wayne, IN; Grandchildren: Cody, Courtney, Treror, Aarronn, Rianna, Michael, Trenton, Tyler Steele. Kurstyn, Kohltin, Kathelyn, Kleyson Hoeppner. Lee, Iasbelle, Meta Stringfellow and Oz the grandcat.

Visitation Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006; 2-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, 771 Trail Ridge Rd., Albion, IN; also 1 hr. prior to the funeral service at Albion Wesleyan Church in Albion, IN

Services will be held Thursday, September 7, 2006 at 1:30 pm at Albion Wesleyan Church in Albion, IN.

Special Military graveside services will be by the American Legion Post #246 from Albion, IN at Sparta Cemetary.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

In loving memory of
Ester Owen
Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.
We would like to thank our friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness and prayers. A special thank you to the nurses and staff at the Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home for their wonderful care giving and concern for all of us.

Brice J and Sharon, George and Carol
Jim and Laura Owen and families.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
September 6, 2006, Wednesday

Charlotte Parvu, 84

GARRETT - Charlotte V. Parvu, 84, of Garrett died Monday, Sept. 4, 2006 at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Mrs. Parvu worked for Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett and as a seamstress. She also was a nurse's aide at Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She was born May 9, 1922 in Butler to Walter and Helen (Hook) Bock.

On May 10, 1940 in Garrett, she married Theodore N. Parvu. He died in 1983.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Theodore J. and Sallianne Parvu of Albion and Michael E. and Mary Parvu of Kendallville; two brothers, Max Bock of Garrett and Keith Bock of Florida; four grandsons, Michael Parvu of Garrett, Theodore J. Parvu Jr. of Arizona, Todd Middleton of Albion and Jeff Middleton of Anderson; three granddaughters and a spouse, Pamela Smith and Heather and James Hornbeak, all of Garrett, and Lynette Parvu of Albion; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Theodore P. Parvu; and four brothers, Raymond, Charles, Robert and LeRoy Bock.

Services were held Thursday September 7, 2006 at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. Tom Novy officiated. Burial was at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Martin's House or St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Lenore Baird, 65

LAGRANGE - Lenore K. Baird, 65, of rural LaGrange died at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

On Aug. 29, 1941, in Kalamazoo, Mich., she was born to Harold Carney and Bonnabelle Baker Grate Westphal. She married Paul M. Baird on June 25, 1961, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Dec. 8, 2000.

She was a homemaker and lived most of her life in LaGrange County.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Timothy Goins of LaGrange; five sons, Matthew R. Baird of Midland, Texas, Michael L. Baird of Cedar Springs, Mich., Mark A. Baird of Avilla, and Sean A. Baird and Aaron J. Baird, both of Angola; a brother, Earl Vining of Bozeman, Mont.; four sisters, Sally Hicks and Carol Henry, both of Kendallville, Barbara Mortimore of Wolcottville, and Christine Mills of Elkhart; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, two brothers, Harold and Daniel Westphal, preceded her in death.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

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Margaret Bunn

CHURUBUSCO — Margaret Bunn, 73, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006, at her residence.

Mrs. Bunn

She spent her formative years in LaCross and LaPorte and graduated from LaCross High School. She lived in the Calumet area after her marriage until moving to Churubusco in 1960.

Mrs. Bunn worked as a cook at the former Roberts Family Restaurant in Churubusco, and was later employed at Essex-United Technologies. She retired from Magnavox-VDO in 1999.

She participated in several bowling leagues over the years, and enjoyed ceramics, quilting and family genealogy.

On June 12, 1933, she was born in LaCross to Clem and Venita (Sink) Curry. She married Ralph J. Bunn in LaPorte. He preceded her in death on May 29, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara and Glen Cowan of Warsaw, and Susan Johnson of Missouri; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark Clark of Fort Wayne, and Dale L. and Jane Bunn and Ralph E. Bunn, all of Churubusco; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Marilyn and Steve Cannon, and Nancy Gakle and Roslyn Cooley, all of LaPorte; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Lloyd and Betty Curry of LaPorte, Paul and Lucille Curry of Westville, Ronnie Curry of Fort Wayne, and Donzal and Timmy Curry of Pineville, W.Va.; 19 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, a sister, three brothers and a granddaughter preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery, Allen County.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, or after 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Hilda Layman

FORT WAYNE — Hilda A. Layman, 96, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Avilla, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006, in Markle Health Care, Markle.

She was a member and organist at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla in the late 1920s. She was also a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

On Oct. 28, 1909, she was born to William and Laura (Weimer) Berkes. She married Earl L. Layman at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla on June 11, 1931, then moved to Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son, Robert Layman; a daughter, Beverly Williams; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, brothers Norman and Walter Berkes preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 W. Jefferson St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne. Calling will also be one hour prior to service.

Memorials are to Emmanuel Lutheran Church or Alzheimer's research.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 7, 2006, Thursday

Marion Rohm

CROMWELL — Marion L. Rohm, 87, of Cromwell died at 6:02 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He had lived in the community since 1945, coming from Pierceton.

Mr. Rohm was a farmer and project supervisor with the Indiana Department of Transportation before retiring after 32 years of service.

He served with the U.S. Army in World War II and received four bronze stars and a Good Conduct medal.

Mr. Rohm attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Ligonier, and was a 60-year member of West Noble American Legion Post 243 in Ligonier. He enjoyed farming, playing cards and cars.

On Dec. 5, 1918, in Corunna, he was born to Leonard and Florence (Lacey) Rohm. He married Nina L. Van Aman on Jan. 29, 1949, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier. She survives in Cromwell.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry and Julia Rohm of Rome City, and James Rohm of Kimmell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rosalie Rohm of Fishers, and Michelle Van Wassenhove of Chicago; a sister, Loraine Brenneke of Woodburn; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Rohm in 1972, and his parents.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Rosary will be recited at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Military graveside services will be conducted by the West Noble American Legion Post 243.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the church.

Florence Holden

HUDSON — Florence F. Holden, 100, of Hudson died at 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct an error. We apologize for the error.*

Charlotte Parvu

GARRETT — Charlotte V. Parvu, 84, of Garrett, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Parvu

Mrs. Parvu worked for Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett and as a seamstress. She also was a nurse's aide at Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

She was born May 9, 1922, in Butler to Walter and Helen (Hook) Bock.

On May 10, 1940, in Garrett, she married Theodore N. Parvu. He died in 1983.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Theodore J. and Sallianne Parvu of Albion and Michael E. and Mary Parvu of Kendallville; two brothers, Max Bock of Garrett and Keith Bock of Florida; four grandsons, Michael Parvu of Garrett, Theodore J. Parvu Jr. of Arizona, Todd Middleton of Albion and Jeff Middleton of Anderson; three granddaughters and a spouse, Pamela Smith and Heather and James Hornbeak, all of Garrett, and Lynette Parvu of Albion; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas P. Parvu; and four brothers, Raymond, Charles, Robert and LeRoy Bock.

Services were today at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Martin's House or St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
September 7, 2006, Thursday

Levi Bontrager

LIGONIER — Levi E. Bontrager, 72, of Ligonier died at 9:47 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, in the Goshen General Hospital emergency room in Goshen.

He was self-employed as a salesman for promotional and advertising products, and he also worked at Starcraft for 11 years, Holly Park in Shipshewana for 32 years, and Tite-Lok in Topeka for five years.

In LaGrange County on June 27, 1934, he was born to Eli and Anna (Yoder) Bontrager. On Feb. 13, 1964, in Emma Mennonite Church, Emma, he married Edna Yoder. She survives.

Also surviving are five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Fannie Miller of Millersburg, Lavina and Sam Whetstone of Middlebury, Wilma and Amos J. Miller, Edna and Harvey Farmwald and Elizabeth and Lewis Hochstetler, all of Shipshewana; and a brother and sister-in-law, Alton and Arlene Bontrager of Middlebury.

In addition to his parents, two brothers, Homer and Harley Bontrager, preceded him in death.

Services were Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. Mahlon Miller officiating. Burial was in Miller Cemetery, Goshen.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Russell Conrad

LIGONIER — Russell Dean Conrad, 85, of Ligonier died at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Conrad was a lifetime Ligonier resident and had been a farmer for many years.

He served on the West Noble school board from 1970 to 1979.

Mr. Conrad was a member of Burr Oak Church in Ligonier and an associate member of First Christian Church.

Among his accomplishments was receiving an award from the Dairy Association.

He was born May 19, 1922, in Ligonier to Virl and Estella (Kinnison) Conrad. He married Evelyn Elliott on Dec. 1, 1946, in Jonesboro. She survives.

Mr. Conrad

Also surviving are son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Jan Conrad of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Steve Poppe of Pleasanton, Calif., and Jayne and David Alger of Ligonier; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Steven Conrad, who died in 1979 while serving in the military.

Services wereWednesday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Lawrence Byrnes officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Burr Oak Church and the Goshen General Hospital Hospice.

Della V. Franklin

LIGONIER — Della V. Franklin, 87, of Ligonier, died at 6:55 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and devoted mother.

Mrs. Franklin was a member of the Syracuse United Pentecostal Church.

She was born on May 16, 1919, in Dorchester, Va., to James and Sarah (Stewart) Crider.

She married Robert Franklin on Aug. 24, 1935. He died in 1998.

Surviving are eight daughters, Fay Ray and Jeanie LeCount, both of Ligonier, Ann Allen of Greenwood, Louise Steele of Little Mountain, S.C., Laura Johnston of Cromwell, Sandra Galloway and Joyce Monger, both of Fort Wayne, and Mary Caudill of Goshen; three sons, Neal Franklin of Norton, Va., John Samuel Franklin of Fort Wayne, and David B. Franklin of Topeka; 27 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; 12 great great-grandchildren; one sister, Lucille Clark of Ligonier; three sister-in-laws, Bonnie Crider of Kingsport, Tenn., Helen Crider of Ligonier, and Audrey Franklin of Weber City, Va.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Betty Lou Franklin, three grandchildren, and several brothers and sisters.

Services were Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with the Rev. Ron Cox and the Rev. Craig Fritchley officiating.

Burial was be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
September 7, 2006, Thursday

Katharine Brazel

LIGONIER — Katharine Maria Brazel, 92, of Ligonier died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006, at Avalon Village Nursing Home, Ligonier.

Mrs. Brazel was a lifetime area resident who owned and operated Brazel Bait Shop on Lake Wawasee for many years. She was a member of Wawasee Lakeside Chapel and a graduate of Albion High School.

She enjoyed gardening, mushroom hunting and fishing, especially ice fishing. She was an avid bowler at Wawasee Bowl for many years.

She was born on Nov. 2, 1913, in Arcola to Irvin and Emma (Hissong) Bair. They preceded her in death. On Nov. 28, 1935, she married Russell Brazel. He preceded her in death Feb. 27, 2004.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lexie Jane and William Sylvester of Goshen; two sons and daughters-in-law, Walter Lee and Anne Brazel of Ligonier and Jack Russell and Sandee Lynn Brazel of Kimmell; a brother, Arthur Bair of Upland; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were three sisters and a brother.

Services were Tuesday Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel in Syracuse with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating.

Interment was at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, P.O. Box 544, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishler-funeralhomes.com.

Harold Hartman

ALBION — Harold L. Hartman, 61, of Albion died at 3:24 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4, 2006, at the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room, Kendallville.

On Aug. 16, 1945, in Wolf Lake, he was born to Walter and Isbelle (Scheurich) Hartman. He married Catherine Clouse on June 24, 1967, in Albion.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident and a general contractor.

Mr. Hartman was a compassionate and caring person. He loved his family and keeping busy. He loved to farm and being outside. He enjoyed his ponies, had a great sense of humor and strong faith in helping at the food pantry. He was very strong-willed, a good Samaritan and loved his country.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Lindsay Hartman of Fort Wayne; three daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Ed Steele of Pleasant Lake, Jody and Shon Hoeppner of Columbia City, and Sandra and Lee Stringfellow of Wawaka; a sister, Sharon Shively of Fort Wayne; and 16 grandchildren, Cody, Courtney, Treror, Aarronn, Rianna, Michael, Trenton and Tyler Steele, Kurstyn, Kohltin, Kathelyn and Kleyson Hoeppner, and Lee, Isabelle and Meta Stringfellow; and Oz the pet grandcat.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Albion Wesleyan Church, Albion. Burial will be in Sparta Township Cemetery, Kimmell.

Military graveside services will be conducted by the American Legion Post 246 of Albion.

Calling was Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion chape.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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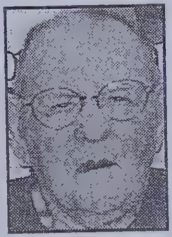
September 8, 2006, Friday

James Ferguson

AUBURN — James Ezra "Jim" Ferguson, 77, died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mr. Ferguson

Mr. Ferguson worked at Rieke Corp. for 30 years, retiring in 1992, and was a farmer. He volunteered his services hauling food for the DeKalb County Food Bank and DeKalb County Council on Aging. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He was a member of Hudson United Brethren in Christ Church of Hudson. He was a charter member and past president of the Cedar Creek Antique Tractor and Engine Club, belonged to the Auburn Kiwanis Club and DeKalb County Horseman's Association and was a DeKalb County 4-H leader for many years.

Mr. Ferguson received the Hoosier of the Year Award in 1998, the Jefferson Award in 1999 and the 15 Who Care Award.

He was born June 16, 1929, in Auburn to Arthur and Velma (Sliger) Ferguson. They preceded him in death.

He married LaVina E. Snider on Aug. 12, 1950, in Auburn. She died April 5, 1989.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis J. and Linda Ferguson of Auburn; two daughters, Lisa D. Ferguson and Holly G. Ferguson, both of Garrett; two grandchildren, Beth Ferguson and Brian Ferguson, both of Auburn; and two brothers, Byron Ferguson of Quartzsite, Ariz., and David K. Ferguson of Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. The Rev. Craig Burkholder will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, where the Garrett post of the American Legion will conduct a military graveside service.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Fair Association.

Margaret Ober

BUTLER — Margaret P. Ober, 89, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Born in Garrett, she was a homemaker and a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary Ober of Corunna and John and Barbara Ober of Auburn, and two grandchildren, Nicole Ober and Benjamin Ober, both of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Amelia Haas Gael; her husband, Sherman Ober, in 1996; and two brothers, Richard and Eugene Gael.

A graveside service took place today at 10:30 a.m. in Corunna Cemetery.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, handled arrangements.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church and School.

Florence Holden

HUDSON — Florence Holden, 100, of Hudson died Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Holden was born in Jackson Township, Steuben County on Jan. 29, 1906, to Oakley and Blanche (Ewing) Amerman. She married Maynard Holden on Dec. 6, 1924, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 16, 2001.

She graduated from Salem Center High School and was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, Ladies Aid and Study Club. She belonged to Farm Bureau of Steuben County, Alpha Farmer's Club and the Steuben County Extension Homemakers.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Darlene Holden of Hamilton, Carol and Ruth Holden of Corunna and Keith and Lila Holden of Hudson; a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Robert Heller of LaGrange; 14 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Geneva Alleshouse in 2006.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Salem Center Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. H. Jordan Truman officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Burial will be in Block Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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September 9, 2006, Saturday

Celesta Lehman

MILLERSBURG — Celesta J. Lehman, 85, of Millersburg died at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, 2006, at her residence.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Jan. 13, 1921, in LaGrange County to Jacob and Mary (Christner) Hochstetler. She lived her entire life in LaGrange County.

On March 9, 1944, she married Edward M. Lehman. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Mariette and Orlis Yoder of Mendon, Mich., Susie Ellen and Alton Miller of Millersburg, and Lizzie Mae and Enos Yoder of Millersburg; four sons and daughters-in-law, Merlin and Mary Lehman of Middlebury, Jacob and Katie Lehman of Goshen, Manas and Mary Alice Lehman of Topeka and Maynard and Vera Lehman of Millersburg; 43 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Eli and Mattie Hochstetler of Shipshewana.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and a son, Glen L. Lehman, who died in 1985.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Eugene Bontrager residence, 10825 W. C.R. 500S, Millersburg, with Bishop Harley Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Honeyville Cemetery in rural Topeka.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family residence, 10740 W. C.R. 500S, Millersburg.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Mabel McCoy

ALBION — Mabel M. McCoy, 92, of Albion died at 10:56 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had worked for Ben Franklin, Haffner and Dollar General stores. She always had beautiful flowers.

Mrs. McCoy was born June 16, 1914, in Smith Township of Whitley County to Grover and Estella Mae (Shively) McCoy.

On July 6, 1932, in Albion, she married Carl McCoy. He died in 1990.

She was a member of Blue River Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis Jean and Ken Fulk of Kendallville and Mary Jane and James Earnhart of Albion; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Ruth Pickett of Fort Wayne, Gladys Squires of Fort Wayne and Madeline Hively of Churubusco.

Preceding her in death were her husband and parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Blue River Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Craig Myers officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church.

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September 9, 2006, Saturday

Eleanor Bressler

DECATUR — Eleanor J. "Ellie" Bressler, 5, of Decatur died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital.

Eleanor Bressler

She attended St. Joseph Preschool in Decatur and was a member of the Decatur Dance Academy. She attended St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church.

She was born Sept. 5, 2001, in Decatur to David P. and Penny J.. (Suman) Bressler. They survive.

Also surviving are one sister, Anna M., at home; a brother, Jonathan "Chance," at home; grandparents Max and Karen Bressler of Decatur and Harry and Michele Suman of Bryant; and great-grandparents Thelma Andrews of Decatur and Wilber and Marge Droege of Ossian.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, with Father David Voors officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Calling will be from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at Haggard & Shefton Funeral Home, 225 W. Adams St., Decatur. A prayer service will be at 9:50 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to A.C.C.F. Eleanor J. Bressler Scholarship Fund through the funeral home.

Ida Mae Crone

BUTLER — Ida Mae Crone, 87, of Butler died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb, Butler.

Mrs. Crone was born March 25, 1919, in Muncie to George and Mina Bice.

She married Joseph Crone on June 12, 1937, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 7, 1997.

She was co-owner of Crone's Tri-State Market from 1966-1978.

She is survived by three sons, Joseph of Hartford City, Darrell of Fort Wayne, and Richard of Angola; a daughter, Marsha Stewart of Fremont; a foster-daughter, Kay Valangeon of Winchester; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Graveside services at Marion National Cemetery will be held at a later date.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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Cancer claims fun-loving family man

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The late Harvey Gustin is surrounded by four of his grandchildren, from left, Jacob, Michael, Janel and Madison Gustin. Mr. Gustin was known as a "kid in a grownup's body" by his family and friends.

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BY BILL GISEL
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BIG TURKEY LAKE — Harvey Gustin was "all-around ornery," said his wife of 40 years, Betty Ann.

"He was a kid in a grownup's body," who was always playing with his kids and grandkids, said his niece, Linda Grobis.

Mr. Gustin, 64, died June 1 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Carmel, where he had been a patient in intensive care for 103 days following surgery for esophageal cancer.

According to his wife, Mr. Gustin liked to have fun and was looking forward to golf, fishing and time with his "kids" following his retirement from Nishikawa Standard at Topeka.

Instead, she said, her husband became ill. Chemotherapy was followed by what was to have been a a five-hour surgery at a Fort Wayne hospital.

Grobis said the surgery instead went for 10 hours, and after 30 days her uncle had to leave the hospital because his insurance had been "maxed out."

Mr. Gustin was then taken to St. Vincent's where he later died after being removed from life support.

Seeing their grandfather ill was painful for his grandchildren, Grobis said.

"They worshiped the ground he walked on," she said.

After a stint in the military, Mr. Gustin married Betty Ann Griffin in 1965. He was a graduate in 1961 of Kendallville High School, where he played varsity football.

After moving to Big Turkey Lake, "there was always kids" at the Gustin home, even before there were Gustin children. With children of his own, there were even more kids, playing sports or learning fishing and golf, Grobis said.

Mr. Gustin coached little league in Stroh for more than 10 years, and was avid about the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears.

Golf and fishing were his passions, his wife said. He would often spend an entire day on the golf course with his kids and their friends.

"He was concerned that kids have the proper guidance," Mrs. Gustin said. Most recently, he was teaching his grandchildren to fish.

"He worked hard all his life, and never missed work," Mrs. Gustin said. And, he hadn't smoked in 30 years, she said, so his illness came as a surprise.

"He was looking forward to time with family," she said. Mr. Gustin is survived by four children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Gustin said her husband was known to all as someone who liked people.

"All people," she said, "and he liked to tease. The kids loved him for it."

"He was everyone's friend," agreed Grobis, "and he never carried a grudge. He was always willing to help anyone in need."

(A benefit hog roast was held Saturday at the Stroh fire station to help Mrs. Gustin with her husband's medical expenses. There also was a bake sale and raffle of donated merchandise. The contact person for the event was Linda Grobis, 351-3609.)

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Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis Jean and Ken Fulk of Kendallville and Mary Jane and James Earnhart of Albion; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Ruth Pickett of Fort Wayne, Gladys Squires of Fort Wayne and Madeline Hively of Churubusco.

Preceding her in death were her husband, parents and two sisters, Evelyn Kimmel and Lois Gandy.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Blue River Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Craig Myers officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church.

James R. Johnson

MERRIAM — James R. Johnson, 86, of Merriam died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006 at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mr. Johnson

He was born Sept. 30, 1919 in Fort Wayne to Walter and Fannie (Stangland) Johnson. He lived most of his life in Merriam. He worked at Dana Spicer Axle in Fort Wayne for 32 years. On January 1, 1950, he married Eva Bobbish. She died Sept. 16, 1978. On Oct. 5, 1991, he married Kathleen M. Martinenko. She survives.

He served three years and three months in the United States Army during World War II. His unit, the 150th Hospital, saw service from Casablanca, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. He followed a family tradition and was proud of his service to the country. His great-grandfather, John Johnson, served in the War of 1812. His grandfather, William Johnson, was in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Besides his wife, other survivors include a first cousin, Olive Stangland, and a host of relatives; two stepsons, Stephen Martinenko of Corvallis, Ore., and David Martinenko of Cameron Park, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Nancy Bobbish Brademeyer; nine step grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with American Legion Post #98 presenting graveside military honors.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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September 10, 2006, Sunday

Elsie V. Price

LIGONIER — Elsie V. Price, 78, of Ligonier died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at 5:10 a.m. at LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

She was born in Detroit, Ohio on Oct. 17, 1927, to John and Margaret B. (Meszaro) Polyak. Both are deceased.

After moving to the Ligonier community from Detroit, Ohio, she lived there 60 years. She was a homemaker. She liked to read, do puzzles, garden, cook and spend time with her family. She married Charles F. Price on May 3, 1952. He survives.

Mrs. Price

Other survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Lorraine K. and Mark Kramer of Schaumburg, Ill. and Cheryl L. Allen of Michigan City, Ind.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sally and Louis Marinelli of Lincoln Park, Mich. and Margie and Bruce Peshek of Bay City, Mich.; two grandchildren, Jeremy Allen of Central, S.C., and Rachel Allen, currently at Ball State University.

Preceding her in death was a daughter, Marianne Price, who died in March 2005.

There will be no visitation. Services will be at a later date.

J.A.Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Marie G. McKee

HOWE — Marie "Nana" G. McKee, 98, of Howe, died at 2:54 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, 2006. Funeral arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

John McKinley Taylor

ANTWERP, Ohio — John McKinley Taylor, 63, of Antwerp, Ohio, and Greenville, Tenn., died Friday, Sept. 8, 2006, at his son's home in Antwerp.

He was born in Pruden, Tenn., on May 11, 1943, to William R. and Alice (Rose) Taylor of Rockford, Ohio. His father is deceased. His mother survives.

He retired as a supervisor at Uniroyal Goodrich in Woodburn. He was a member of the Greenville, Tenn., Masonic Lodge and enjoyed his family and boating on Cherokee Lake, near Greenville.

Besides his mother, other survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Patty and Matt Hoeffle of Auburn and Missy and Adam Richey of Antwerp, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Julie Taylor of Antwerp; a sister, Nancy Wilson of Florence, Ky.; three brothers, Jerry of Dayton, Ky., and Frank and Eldon, both of Van Wert, Ohio; a longtime companion, Cathy Devault of Kingsport, Tenn.; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Francis and three brothers, Joe, Rusty and Jimmy.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., in Antwerp, Ohio.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home with Masonic services at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Paulding area VNA.

Condolences may be sent to www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 11, 2006, Monday

Elizabeth Smith

LAGRANGE — Elizabeth L. "Betty" Bowen Smith, 87, of LaGrange died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Smith had lived in LaGrange County for most of her life. She had served as secretary-treasurer and co-owner of Spreuer and Son Inc. of LaGrange for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Smith

She was a 1935 graduate of Shipshewana High School.

Mrs. Smith served 18 years on the board of directors of Shipshewana State Bank and many years on the board of directors of the LaGrange County Country Club.

She was born Oct. 18, 1918, in Wheeling, W.Va., to William and Floss (Eash) Morgan. She first married Robert E. Bowen on June 28, 1936, in Greencastle. He died Nov. 24, 1973. She then married Gordon E. Smith on Aug. 31, 1974, in Shipshewana. He died Oct. 24, 1980.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Jean Bowen of LaGrange and Robert and Sharon Bowen of Shipshewana; a stepdaughter and her husband, Beth Ann and Martin Moeller of Shipshewana; a brother, Philip Spreuer of LaGrange; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Edson James Bowen; four brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles McPeek officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Shipshewana Area Historical Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Florence Campbell

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. — Florence G. Campbell, 97, died Friday, Sept. 8, 2006, at Cypress Cove Care Center in Crystal River, Fla.

She was a homemaker and a member of Parson's Memorial Presbyterian Church.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a grandson, Michael LaTourette; two stepsons, Kenneth Campbell and his wife, Diana Sue, of Fort Wayne and James Campbell of Angola; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchilden; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Cecil LaTourette; her second husband, Darce Campbell, in 1990; a son, Charles LaTourette, in 1977; and a stepson, Robert Campbell, in 1990.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Calling will be Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or the American Heart Association.

Marie McKee

HOWE — Marie G. "Nana" McKee, 98, of Howe died at 2:54 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, 2006.

Mrs. McKee

Mrs. McKee had lived in Howe since the late '60s and spent time working with her grandson, Mark, at his antique shop in South Bend until the early '90s. During World War II she worked at Delco Remy and after the war she was employed at Hills Department Store in Anderson.

She enjoyed fishing and going to garage sales and flea markets.

She was born March 24, 1908, in Yoder to Wesley and Cora (Dishong) Swank. She married Virgil P. McKee on Jan. 31, 1925, in Fort Wayne. He is deceased.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Verlin and Shirley McKee of Howe; a daughter, Betty Bray of Madison; a sister, Clara Miller of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by 12 brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be two hours prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Council on Aging.

Condolences may be sent online to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Keith Strock

GARRETT — Keith A. Strock, 84, of Garrett, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Strock

Mr. Stock was U.S. Army infantry veteran of World War II and the recipient of a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star.

He owned the Mobil service station at the Mile Corner in Garrett for 23 years and worked as a mechanic for Yoder Ford for nine years until his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, the American Legion and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. He served as a tour guide at the World War II Victory Museum.

He was born March 2, 1922, in Auburn to Kenneth C. and Jennie G. (Kemmery) Strock.

On Feb. 21, 1948, in Garrett, he married Virginia K. Diederich. She survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Craig A. and Barbara Strock of Garrett; a granddaughter, Stephanie Grimes of Huntertown; a grandson, Andrew Strock of Garrett; a great-granddaughter Amelia Grimes of Huntertown; a brother, Dale Strock of Garrett; and a sister, Marjorie Lung of Greenfield.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery for Garrett, with military graveside services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Esther Clark

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Esther M. Clark, age 92, died Sunday, Sept. 10, 2006, at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

She was born on Dec. 8, 1913, to Herman and Anna (Kestner) Riebesehl in Holgate, Ohio.

On Aug. 6, 1939, she was united in marriage to Thomas Clark. He preceded her in death in 1988.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville, the Ladies Aide, the Hicksville Historical Society and a bowling league. She was a homemaker and employed at National Ideal Co. in Hicksville.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara and Joseph Kulwicki of Las Vegas, Nev., and Sandra and the late Max Aldrich of Corunna; a son and daughter-in-law, Carl and Kay Clark of Hicksville, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, Ohio, with the Rev. Daniel Fugate officiating. Burial will be at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6–8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Jimmie Canaday

EDGERTON, Ohio — Jimmie W. Canaday, 69, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 7:28 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was a patient for two weeks.

Mr. Canaday

Mr. Canaday was a crib attendant at Bohn Aluminum in Butler, retiring with 42 years of service. He attended the Butler Christian Assembly of God.

He was born Sept. 25, 1936, in Wayne, W. Va., the son of Kyle and Opal (Johnson) Canaday.

He married Edna M. Davis on March 4, 1957, in Cattletsburg, W. Va., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law Kyle and Linda Canaday of Ligonier, Roger Canaday of Edgerton, Ohio, and Kevin and Connie Canaday of Bryan, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Jackie and Patrick Ailiff, of Edgerton, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Linda Cheek of Edgerton, Ohio, and June and Kenneth Fuller of Ceredo, W.Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, James Patrick Canaday, and one sister, Norma Stafford.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor Matt Snoderly officiating. Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and the online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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James Lemon

COLUMBIA CITY — James Leroy Lemon, 66, of Columbia City died at 11:05 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, 2006, at his home following a two-year battle with cancer.

Mr. Lemon had retired in 2004 as service manager for More Farm Store in Columbia City. He had also been employed at Blue Bell and LML Corp., both in Columbia City, and Monsanto in Ligonier.

He was a 1957 graduate of Larwill High School. He was a member of Community Bible Church.

Mr. Lemon had been a member of the Etna-Troy Advisory Board for 32 years and was instrumental in preserving the Etna-Troy Community Building.

He was a skilled woodworker and enjoyed antique guns, gardening and fishing.

He was born Dec. 11, 1939, in Whitley County to Guy and Willodean (Norris) Lemon. His father is deceased and his mother, Willodean White, survives in Columbia City. On Sept. 20, 1958, he married his high school sweetheart, Barbara Adair, at Inwood. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Tam and David Mitchell of Columbia City and Robin and Christopher Neeley of South Whitley; a son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Michelle Lemon of West Terre Haute; three brothers, Jack and Marilyn Lemon, Thomas and Sharon Lemon and Michael Lemon and Cindy Parry, all of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

He was also preceded in death by his stepfather, Marcus White; and a granddaughter, Audry Neeley.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor John Cummings of Community Bible Church officiating. Burial will be in Adams Cemetery near Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to the James Lemon Memorial Etna-Troy Community Building Preservation Fund in care of the Whitley County Community Foundation or to Community Bible Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Larry Scott

HOLIDAY, Fla. — Larry Scott, 50, of Holiday, Fla., and formerly of Angola, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2006, in his home.

He worked as an industrial electrician and stored energy consultant until his retirement in 1992. He moved with his family to Florida in 1995.

Surviving are his wife, Candy; four daughters, Leslie, Lindsey, Chelsea and Courtney; his mother, Elsie Scott of Angola; a brother, William, of Naples, Fla.; and a sister, Lee Loudermilk of Terre Haute.

Services were Sunday, Sept. 3, in Tarpon Springs, Fla. Memorials are to his family in care of Candy Scott, 4631 Eastwood Lane, Holiday, FL 34690.

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Isabelle Helton

FORT WAYNE — Isabelle Helton, 92, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at Renaissance Village in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Helton was a native of Logansport.

She was a member of Order of Eastern Star Chapter 514, Madonna Club and Calvary 3rd Presbyterian Church and active in several social clubs and activities.

Mrs. Helton had volunteered at Lutheran Hospital in the 1970s and 1980s.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Ronald Lucas of Fort Wayne and Donna and Daniel Biberstine of Wolcottville; two sons, Thomas Helton and Charles Helton, both of Huntertown; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Edward DeMent of Temple Terrace, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon L. Helton.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with the Rev. T. Alan Thames officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with an OES service at 7:30 p.m. Calling also will be two hours prior to services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary 3rd Presbyterian Church or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Shelley Hart

SHIPSHEWANA — Shelley Lyn Hart, 46, of Shipshewana died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Hart was a homemaker.

She had resided in Middlebury before moving to Shipshewana.

She was born Aug. 14, 1960, in Adrian, Mich., to Harrison and Ellen (Cox) Jones. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Centreville, Mich.

Also surviving are a son, James Dugan of Centreville; a stepdaughter and her husband, LeeAnne and Nathan Strayer of LaGrange; a brother, Bruce Jones of Centreville; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Teen, Samaritan electrocuted following crash

CHURUBUSCO — Two people died Monday night after stepping on a downed power line after an automobile accident in northwest Allen County, southeast of Churubusco, according to WANE Newschannel 15.

A vehicle carrying two teenagers was traveling west on Bryie Road near McDuffee Road at about 8 p.m. when it went out of control and hit an electrical pole, according to police. The occupants got out of the car and stepped on live electrical wires that were downed.

A 17-year-old female died at the scene, and a 15-year-old male was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne in serious condition.

Shortly after the accident occured, a man and woman came upon the accident scene and stopped to help. Both the man and woman also stepped on the live power line, killing the 35-year-old man and injuring the woman. She was transported to Parkview.

Police have not released the identities of the victims as of this morning.

Gerald Haggard

LIGONIER — Gerald D. Haggard, 70, of Ligonier died at 5:55 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Dora LeGras

KENDALLVILLE — Dora F. LeGras, 85, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Betty Lehman

TOPEKA — Betty J. Lehman, 85, of Topeka died Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Lehman was a homemaker and lifetime area resident.

She enjoyed gardening and tying quilts for her church.

She was born Feb. 8, 1921, in Noble County to Charlie and Cora Belle (Inles) Rice. She married Myron Don Wiley in 1941 and he died in October 1947. She then married La Void Lehman on June 2, 1950, and he died in January 2005.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gerry and Sandra Wiley of Columbia City, Greg and Connie Lehman of Topeka and Dexter and Sheryl Lehman of Buffalo, Minn.; a daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Roger Gohl of Los Angeles, Calif.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Ruth Beason of Newbury, Mich., Maxine and Jack Hubler of Angola and Bonny Ramer of Wawaka; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Leslie, Ernest and Ivan Rice; and three sisters, Mary Lung, Lucille Anders and Violet Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Topeka Mennonite Church with Pastor Elmer Wyse officiating. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery near Topeka.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Topeka Mennonite Church.

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Ruth Duke

CHURUBUSCO — Ruth F. Duke, 88, formerly of Albion, died at 2:50 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Heritage Park Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Duke had been an area resident for the past 10 years. She had spent most of her adult life in New York and had retired from the New York State Highway Department.

She was a member of Brooksville Wesleyan Church in Brooksville, Fla.

She was born Jan. 27, 1918, in Schenectady, N.Y., to Sidney and Jannie Finch. She married Harold Culbertson on June 12, 1965, in Utica, N.Y. He died in 1981. She then married the Rev. James C. Duke on June 15, 1985. He died Dec. 24, 2002.

Surviving are two stepdaughters and their husbands, Patricia and Everett Troyer of Albion and Sue and the Rev. Ray Barnwell of Bloomington, Ill.; two stepsons, Perry Duke and his wife, Dorothy, of Anderson, S.C., and James Duke and his companion, Aiko Goss, of Camak, Ga.; 16 stepgrandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren and stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Florida Hills Memorial Park Cemetery in Spring Hills, Fla.

Calling will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday at Merritt Funeral Home, Spring Hill Chapel.

There are no local services.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Elmer Yoder

TOPEKA — Elmer M. Yoder, 90, of Topeka died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Yoder was a farmer.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born June 27, 1916, in Nappanee to Martin and Lovina (Yoder) Yoder. He married Katie Otto on June 8, 1950. She died March 6, 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary and Freeman Weaver and Elsie Yoder, all of Topeka, and Esther and Eldon Miller of Ligonier; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Glen and Ruby Yoder of Topeka and Ernest Yoder of Sarasota, Fla.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Amanda Christner of Topeka and Ida Mae and Kenneth Christner of Mongo; two half sisters; a stepsister; two stepbrothers; a stepsister-in-law; 22 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a great-grandchild; three sisters; and a stepbrother.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Freeman Weaver residence, 4685 W. C.R. 600S, with Bishop Harvey Lambright and home ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the Weaver residence.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to include additional information. We regret the omission.*

Shelley Hart

SHIPSHEWANA — Shelley Lyn Hart, 46, of Shipshewana died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Hart was a homemaker.

She had resided in Middlebury before moving to Shipshewana.

She was born Aug. 14, 1960, in Adrian, Mich., to Harrison and Ellen (Cox) Jones. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Centreville, Mich.

She married Bret L. Hart on Dec. 22, 1995, in Middlebury. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, James Dugan of Centreville; a stepdaughter and her husband, LeeAnne and Nathan Strayer of LaGrange; a brother, Bruce Jones of Centreville; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Charles Taylor

FREMONT — Charles W. "Charlie" Taylor, 70, of Fremont died Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at home.

Mr. Taylor was born Oct. 20, 1935, in Elkhart to Charlie and Bessie (Lape) Taylor.

Mr. Taylor

He retired in 1991 after 33 years as a school teacher for Fort Wayne Community Schools. He was a 1953 graduate of Elkhart High School and a 1958 graduate of Ball State Teachers College.

He was a member of two lodges of the Free and Accepted Masons, Maumee Masonic Lodge No. 725 in Fort Wayne where he was past master and secretary and Northeastern Masonic Lodge No. 210 in Fremont, where he was the current secretary.

He belonged to Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Temple of Fort Wayne, where he was a potentate's aide, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Angola York Rite and Royal Order of Jesters.

He was a 33rd Degree Mason and MSA of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. He was also a member of Fremont Moose Lodge No. 2387.

Surviving are a brother, Hugh L. "Pudge" Taylor of Osceola; a half-brother, Winslow L. Stephic of Valparaiso; a half sister, Edna Fern Stephic Moore of Goshen; two nephews and their spouses, H. Charles and Jodi Taylor of Elkhart and Darin M. and Maria Taylor of Bremmerton, Wash.; and a grandniece, Lyndsey Taylor Clark of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two half brothers, Jack L. Taylor and Franklin Oliver Stephic; and a half sister, Mary Alice Stephic BeMiller.

Masonic memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Beams and Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home, Osceola. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are requested in lieu of flowers to 210 Craft Club Building Fund, PO Box 924, Fremont, IN 46737; Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne Learning Center, 431 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802; or Mizpah Temple Shrine Hospital Fund, 411 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Janice Hinds

ANGOLA — Janice L. Hinds, 68, of Angola died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Hinds was born Aug. 19, 1938, in Huntington to Clarence H. and Viola G. (Shell) Gale. She was married to Ernie Hinds on July 13, 1960, in Chicago. He preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 1968.

She had worked for many years as a manager at various truck stops. Recently, before retiring, she had worked as retail manager at the Angola/Fremont Toll Plaza Travel Store.

She enjoyed crafts, crocheting, bingo, casinos and video games. She attended Argo High School in Chicago.

Surviving are a daughter and her fiancé, Jennifer Gensler and Randy Williams of Moore, Okla.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Grace Peebles of Lexington, Okla., Steve and Julie Hinds of Quincy, Mich. and Gerald Hinds of Chandler, Ariz.; a brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Joann Gale of Orland Park, Ill.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn L. Hatley of Mokeno, Ill., Margaret A. Soto of Beecher, Ill. and Patricia L. and William Enerson of Morris, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Martha Cancino in 1994; and her parents.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. E. Paul Brian Carsten officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 273, Angola, IN 46703.

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Pauline Haley

ANGOLA — Pauline Haley, 92, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Haley was born Aug. 30, 1914, in Ridgeville to John and Mayme (Pogue) Collett. She was married to Harold Haley on Oct. 3, 1938, and he preceded her in death in 1986.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Psi Iota Psi, Rho Chapter, and the Angola Women of the Moose. She was an avid bridge player.

Surviving are a son, Michael L. Haley of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; a daughter, Terri Walbolt of Walton; a sister, Ruth Miller of Angola; six grandchildren and their spouses, Heather and Larry Carter, Mark and Angie Walbolt, Heath and Lauren Haley, Carla and Todd Julian, Hunter Haley and Halie Haley; and seven great-grandchildren, Taylor, Harrison and Hayley Carter, Jarrett and Mitchell Walbolt and Morgan and Devin Julian.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Brown, in 1999; a brother, Paul Collett; and an infant brother, Robert Collett.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jerry Moore officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Shelter.

Ivan Kauffman

ANGOLA — Ivan O. Kauffman, 88, of Angola died Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at home.

Mr. Kauffman was born Sept. 28, 1917, in Dayton to Joseph and Opal (Denten) Kauffman. He had lived in Angola since 1975, coming from Wilkinson.

He was married to Ethel Hoover on Jan. 5, 1946. She survives.

He worked at Delco-Remy on Anderson for 33 1/2 years, retiring in 1975. He attended the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley and was a member of the United Auto Workers No. 631 Local in Anderson.

Also surviving are a son, Jerry Kauffman of Frankton; three daughters, Alayne Lundgren of McGregor, Minn., Janell Kauffman of South Bend and Karen Curtland of Angola; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Forrest Kauffman, and a sister, Helen Walker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday Independent Full Gospel Church, with Sam Weimer officiating. Calling will be Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to the building fund for the Youth Center at the Independent Full Gospel Church.

Arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

James Richardson

FORT WAYNE — James J. Richardson, 89, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at his residence.

He was born on Oct. 18, 1916, in Vicennnes. He was a member of the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church. He started his career at the old Rudisill School and then became assistant principal at S. Irwin School. He was principal at Northcrest School when it opened, as well as at Abbett School. He retired as principal of Blackhawk Middle School in 1980 after serving 40 years in the educational field.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy H. Willcutts; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and David McClure of San Diego, Calif., and Ann and Steve Carie of Vincennes; a stepdaughter and a stepson-in-law, Jean and Bill Prasuhn of Fort Wayne; six stepsons and four stepdaughters-in-law, Craig and Gayenel Willcutts, Mark and Karen Willcutts and Matthew and Lynne Willcutts, all of Fort Wayne; Jeff and Christine Willcutts of LaOtto, Bruce Willcutts of Cape Coral, Fla., and Scott Willcutts of Garrett; five grandchildren; 16 stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Geraldine J., in 1993; and a stepson, Christopher Willcutts.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m;. at First Wayne United Methodist Church, 300 E. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to the funeral at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home or Cancer Services of Indiana are preferred.

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Connie Morrill

COLDWATER, Mich. — Connie M. Morrill, 42, of Coldwater, Mich., and formerly of Bronson, Mich. died Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, following a long illness that resulted from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Ms. Morrill was born Dec. 27, 1963, in Coldwater to Ronald and Karlyn (Staton) Morrill. She graduated from Bronson High School in 1982. She was working at Sturgis Molded Products until her accident on Oct. 23, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Jayme Morrill; a grandson, Kelvyn Morrill; a sister and brother-in-law, Shelly and Michael Tighe of Fremont; a brother and sister-in-law, Steve and Kim Morrill of Fremont; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Kolcz Funeral Home, Bronson, with the Rev. Jon Bruney of Zion Missionary Church in Fremont officiating. Calling will be today from 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Bronson Cemetery.

Memorials are to Kelvyn Morrill's college fund of Maple Lawn Medical Care Facility.

Condolences can be left online at www.kolcz.com.

Harold Ross

PLEASANT LAKE — Harold D. Ross, 78, of Pleasant Lake died Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ross was born June 27, 1928, in Haviland, Ohio to Glen and Violet (Kimmy) Ross.

He was a retired truck driver. He attended Angola Christian Church and was a member of the Eagles Lodge and Teamsters Union Local No. 414. He was a former member of the Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows.

Surviving are his mother, Violet Fredricks of Lima, Ohio; his companion, Marjorie Roush of Pleasant Lake; two sons, Floyd Ross of Van Wert, Ohio and Frank Ross of Haviland; five daughters, Joyce Ross and JoAnn Stainbach, both of Kissimmee, Fla., Jill Strauss of Bath, N.Y., Judith Aultman of Freeport, Fla. and Janet Ross-Lepper of Fort Wayne; a sister, Glenadine Baer of Delphos, Ohio; 19 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Kathleen Stephens

ALBION — Kathleen C. Stephens, 82, died at 10:41 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Stephens had been a homemaker. She had moved to the area in 1972 from Great Lakes, Ill.

She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

Mrs. Stephens had served as president of the Navy Wives Club and enjoyed raising her family.

She was born April 24, 1924, in New York City to John Thomas and Elizabeth (Sheenham) O'Gorman. She married Russel Thurmond Stephens on April 1, 1943, in San Diego, Calif., and he survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lawrence E. and Barbara Stephens of Troy, Ohio, Russel and Teresa Stephens and Jonathan Paul Stephens, all of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Liza and Robert Breno of Tarriffville, Conn., and Jill and Larry Davidson of Highland Park, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at a later date.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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LaVern Bender

SHIPSHEWANA — LaVern E. Bender, 80, of Shipshewana died Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Bender had retired after 25 years of service at the Shipshewana Post Office.

He was a member of the White Pigeon Church of Christ where he served as an elder.

Mr. Bender was born June 12, 1926, in Goshen to Elmer and Mary (Troyer) Bender. He married Valetta Sharick on Sept. 24, 1949, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Cheryl Foster of South Bend and Pam and Tracy Baugh of West Des Moines, Iowa; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jerry Bender of Goshen and Larry and Becky Bender of LaGrange; a brother, Williard Bender of Sturgis, Mich.; two stepsisters; three half sisters; three half brothers; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Bender

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Elmer Bender; a half sister; a half brother; and a stepbrother.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at White Pigeon Church of Christ, 70428 S. Kalamazoo Road, with Barry Edds officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Memorials are to White Pigeon Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Katherine Pratt

LIGONIER — Katherine Ann Pratt, 48, of Ligonier died at 6:42 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Pratt was a homemaker and had lived in the area most of her life.

She was a member of Church of the Stone in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Pratt enjoyed collecting dolls, spending time at home with her family, reading the Bible and reading mystery novels.

She was born March 8, 1958, in Fort Wayne. Her parents, Richard Gregg of Arizona and Dorothy (Koon) Clark of Arizona, survive.

She married Billy M. Pratt on Dec..6, 1976, in Cromwell. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kimberly and Zachery Sanger of Charlevoix, Mich., and Tiffany Pratt, at home; two sons, Pfc. Billy Mac Pratt with the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Horno in Oceanside, Calif., and Alexander Pratt, at home; two brothers, James Gregg of Fort Wayne and Daniel Gregg of Auburn; and two sisters, Sheryl Miller of Decatur, Ala., and Rebecca Knott of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Mike Stanley of the Church of the Stone officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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James R. Johnson, 86

James R. Johnson, 86, of Merriam died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006 at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

He was born Sept. 30, 1919 in Fort Wayne to Walter and Fannie (Stangland) Johnson. He lived most of his life in Merriam. He worked at Dana Spicer Axle in Fort Wayne for 32 years.

On January 1, 1950, he married Eva Bobbish. She died Sept. 16, 1978. On Oct. 5, 1991, he married Kathleen M. Martinenko. She survives.

He served three years and three months in the United States Army during World War II. His unit, the 150th Hospital, saw service from Casablanca, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. He was proud of his service to the country, following a family tradition. His great-grandfather, John Johnson, served in the War of 1812. His grandfather, William Johnson, was in the Union Army during the Civil War. Mr. Johnson said the best years of his life were those while he served in the Army.

Besides his wife, other survivors include a first cousin, Olive Stangland, and a host of relatives; two stepsons, Stephen Martinenko of Corvallis, Ore., and David Martinenko of Cameron Park, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Nancy Bobbish Brademeyer; nine step grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with American Legion Post #98 presenting graveside military honors.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Mabel M. McCoy, 92

ALBION – Mabel M. McCoy, 92, of Albion died at 10:56 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had worked for Ben Franklin, Haffner and Dollar General stores. She always had beautiful flowers.

Mrs. McCoy was born June 16, 1914, in Smith Township of Whitley County to Grover and Estella Mae (Shively) McCoy.

On July 6, 1932, in Albion, she married Carl McCoy. He died in 1990.

She was a member of Blue River Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis Jean and Ken Fulk of Kendallville and Mary Jane and James Earnhart of Albion; six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Ruth Pickett of Fort Wayne, Gladys Squires of Fort Wayne and Madeline Hively of Churubusco.

Preceding her in death were her husband, parents and two sisters, Evelyn Kimmel and Lois Gandy.

Services were held Monday, September 11, 2006 at Blue River Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Craig Myers officiating. Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

In loving memory of

Esther Owen

Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. We would like to thank our friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness and prayers. A special thank you to the nurses and staff at the Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home for their wonderful care giving and concern for all of us.

Brice J and Sharon, George and Carol
Jim and Laura Owen and families.

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Ruth Duke, 88

FORT WAYNE – Ruth F. Duke, 88, a resident of Heritage Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne since July of 2001, passed away there early Tuesday morning September 12, 2006. She was born January 27, 1918 in Schenectady, New York a daughter of Sidney V. and Jannie B, Finch. She had worked in the clerical department of the New York State Highway Department until her retirement. Her adult life was spent in New York and after retirement she lived in Florida.

She was a member of the Brooksville Wesleyan Church in Brooksville, Florida, moving to the Albion, Indiana area in 1996.

She was united in marriage to her first husband Harold L. Culbertson in Utica, New York on June 12, 1965. He died in 1981. She then married Rev. James C. Duke on June 15, 1985 in Brooksville, Florida. He died December 24, 2002.

Survivors include: her four step-children, Patrica (Everett) Troyer of Albion, Sue (Ray) Barnwell of Bloomington, IL, Perry (Dorothy) Duke of Anderson, SC and James (Companion Aiko Gess) Duke of Camak, GA. Sixteen Step-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her 2 husbands, 1 step-son Paul Duke and 1 Step-granddaughter Candice Barnwell.

Graveside services will be held Friday, September 15, 2006 at 11:00 A.M. in the Florida Hills Memorial Park Gardens Cemetery in Spring Hills, Florida. Local arrangements have been entrusted to the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home n Churubusco, Indiana

Margaret Bunn, 73

CHURUBUSCO – Margaret Bunn, 73, a resident of Churubusco and widow of Ralph J. Bunn, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 5, 2006, at her residence.

Mrs. Bunn was born n LaCrosse on June 12, 1933, a daughter of Clem and Venita (Sink) Curry, and spent her formative years there and in LaPorte, graduating from LaCrosse High School.

On August 7, 1959 she was married in LaPorte to Ralph J. Bunn and had lived in the Calumet-area following her marriage until moving to Churubusco in 1960.

She worked as a cook at the former Roberts Family Restaurant in Churubusco for a period and was later employed at Essex-United Technologies. She retired from Magnavox-VDO in 1999.

She had participated in several bowling leagues over the years and enjoyed ceramics, quilting and family genealogy in her leisure time.

Mr. Bunn preceded her in death on May 29, 1991.

The surviving relatives include her children Barbara (Glen) Cowan of Warsaw, Susan Johnson of Missouri, Mark Clark of Fort Wayne, and Dale L. (Jane) Bunn and Ralph E. Bunn, both of Churubusco; three sisters, Marilyn (Steve) Cannon, Nancy Gakle, and Roslyn Cooley, all of LaPorte; four brothers, Lloyd (Betty) Curry of LaPorte, Paul (Lucille) Curry of Westville, Ronnie Curry of Fort Wayne, and Donzal (Timmy) Curry of Pineville, West Virginia; 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a sister; three brothers; and a granddaughter.

Services were held Saturday, September 9, 2006, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of the Churubusco United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Huntertown Cemetery, Allen County.

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Electrocution victims identified

CHURUBUSCO — Authorities have identified the victims electrocuted following Tuesday's crash near Churubusco, according to broadcast reports from WANE-TV News Channel 15.

The accident happened on Bryie Road in northwest Allen County near Churubusco.

According to WANE-TV, 17-year-old Samantha Merchant was driving a friend home when she lost control of her car. The car struck a utility pole and downed a power line.

Merchant was electrocuted and a friend, Shawn Fingerle, 15, was shocked when they got out of the car. Fingerle was taken to St. Joseph Hospital where she was listed in serious condition Wednesday.

A good Samaritan, 35-year-old Charles Webb of Fort Wayne, stopped to help. He also died when he stepped on the live wire.

An obituary for Miss Merchant appears on Page A4 in today's News-Sun.

Samantha Merchant

Miss Merchant

CHURUBUSCO — Samantha Michelle Merchant, 17, of Churubusco died at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, following a one-car accident in Eel River Township.

Miss Merchant was a junior at Churubusco High School where she had been active in the school's New Era Show Choir and theater department. She was vice president of the school's Key Club and had been elected to this year's homecoming court.

She was born July 3, 1989, in Fort Wayne to Robert B. and Anna M. (Jewell) Merchant. They survive in Churubusco.

Also surviving are a brother, Jonathan Merchant, at home; a half brother, Andrew Jewell of Fort Benning, Ga.; maternal grandparents, Mildred Jewell of Fort Wayne and Milton Jewell of Baton Rouge, La.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, James Merchant and Beverly Merchant.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Jason Smith Auditorium at Churubusco High School with Pastors Paul Newman-Jacobs and Ron Williams officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubuso or one hour prior to services Saturday at the school.

Memorials are to the Churubusco High School New Era Show Choir.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

Harold Wilhite

Mr. Wilhite

MIDDLEBURY — Harold J. Wilhite, 47, of Middlebury died at 4:02 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Wilhite worked as a fiberglass repairman for Jayco the past seven years.

He was born Sept. 25, 1958, in Hartselle, Ala., to Vernon Roscoe and Lillie (Powell) Wilhite.

He was a H.O.G. member and loved spending time with his three granddaughters.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Jeremy and April Wilhite of Middlebury; two daughters and a son-in-law, April Wilhite of Middlebury and Sonni and Dan Baylis of Goshen; three granddaughters; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Imogene and Clay Wilhite-Pike of Falkville, Ala., and Rosetta and Rodney Whitehead of Robertsdale, Ala.; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charlie and Carol Wilhite of Falkville, and Jerry and Linda Wilhite of Robertsdale.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury, with Preacher Tom officiating. Burial will be in Round Top Cemetery, Falkville, Ala.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Additional calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday at Peck Funeral Home, Hartselle, Ala., with a funeral service at 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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John Treece

CROMWELL — John B. Treece, 39, of Cromwell died at 6:53 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Treece had worked at Rinker Boat and Trailer factories before going on disability.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Cromwell.

He was born Oct. 7, 1966, in LaGrange to John A. and Rose (Courtney) Treece. His father is deceased and his mother, Rose Blake, survives in LaGrange. He married Debra Allen on June 18, 2005, in Syracuse. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Lee Treece of Topeka; a daughter, Rebecca Treece of Topeka; two sisters, Cindy Treece of LaGrange and Buffie Stahl of Kendallville; two brothers, Rory Treece and Joe Treece, both of LaGrange; a niece and a nephew.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Nicholas Taulbee

KENDALLVILLE — Nicholas J. Quesenberry Taulbee was stillborn Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis to David Taulbee and Jessica Quesenberry.

Also surviving are three sisters, Taiylor Taulbee, Jordan Taulbee and Ashley Taulbee; paternal grandparents, Scott and Tamara Miller of Kendallville; maternal grandmother, Judy Whitmer of Avilla; maternal grandfather, Joseph Quesenberry of Avilla; paternal great-grandparents, Worley and Alma Gibson of Kendallville; maternal great-grandmother, Delores Combs of Erlanger, Ky.; and several aunts and uncles.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Sweet Cemetery near Albion with the Rev. Larry Anglemyer officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Ary Mae Groves

INDIAN RIVER, Mich. — Ary Mae (Chorpenning) Groves, 95, of Indian River, Mich., died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006.

She was born May 18, 1911, in Garrett, to Luther and Nellie Sines Chorpenning. They preceded her in death.

She married Homer E. Groves in Auburn on Dec. 24, 1936, and later moved to Indian River. Her husband preceded her in death.

Surviving are twin daughters, Linda Braley and Nancy Proctor, both of Indian River, and a stepson, Richard D. Groves of Toledo, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Marie, two sisters, Phillis Mountz and Belva Ann Gradeless, and a brother, Oakley Chorpenning.

Services have taken place.

Dora LeGras

Mrs. LeGras

KENDALLVILLE — Dora F. LeGras, 85, of Kendallville died at 5:25 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. LeGras had moved to the Kendallville area in 1972 from Fort Wayne. She was a homemaker. Mrs. LeGras was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City.

She was born May 22, 1921, in Warsaw to James and Lillie Bell (Clark) Mabie. She married Charles J. LeGras on April 3, 1964, in Kendallville. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Carol Ann Bernard of Fort Wayne and Beverly Janet and Jim Billings of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Beverly Rowan of Elkhart; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Rowan on Feb. 5, 1967; a grandchild; and nine brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Matt Jozefiak of St. Gaspar Catholic Church officiating.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne. Pallbearers will be David Armstrong, Fred Billings, Patrick Billings, Brian Billings, Jesse Heedt and Joshua Heedt.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Memorials are to Masses or to the family.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

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Gerald Haggard

LIGONIER — Gerald "Jerry" Haggard, 70, of Ligonier died at 5:55 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Haggard had been a truck driver for Kidd's Marshmallows for more than 35 years. He had lived in the Ligonier area since 1982. Prior to that he had lived in Anderson and in Kentucky.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Haggard was a member of Edon Worship Center in Honeyville.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was born Nov. 9, 1935, in Winchester, Ky., to Leamon Burton and Mossie Lee (Hackworth) Haggard. They are deceased. He married Ruth Ann Taylor on June 15, 1990, in Cromwell. She survives.

Also surviving are seven daughters and four sons-in-law, Vickie Haggard and her boyfriend Mark Cook, Christina and Shane Barclay, Annette Haggard, Kim and Gene Pfefferle, Tracy and Hillis Shepherd, Vonzeal Sanford and her boyfriend Barry Fullford, and Kerston and Jonas Miller; four sons and three brothers-in-law, Danny and Beth Haggard, Greg Haggard, Brad and Lori Sanford and Carl and Tonya Sanford; sisters, Linda Black, Debbie Haggard and Thelma Gerkens, all of Lexington, Ky.; grandchildren, Matthew Wools, Nathan Addison, Sylias Haggard, Vince Johnson, Josh Haggard, Sterling Barclay, Adam Sanford, Derek Sanford, Cody Sanford, Brandon Sanford, Harry Zimmerman, Josh Pfefferle, Austin Shepherd, George Sanford, Wesley Sanford, Micah Miller, Kylie Mclaren, Traci Sparkman, Amber Shepherd, Amanda Hayman, Thelma Williams, Annie Hall, Santana Sanford and Gloria Miller; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, James, Robert and David Haggard; and two sisters, Virginia Clark and Nellie Babcock.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Edon Worship Center with Pastor Harold Gingerich officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Rose Elkins

HELMER — Rose Elkins, 85, of Helmer died at 2:25 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Elkins was born April 19, 1921, in Jay County to Emerson and Alma (Antles) Wall. She retired in 1995 after 23 years as a tax preparer for H & R Block.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rose Marie Cook of Fort Wayne and Nellie and Don DePew of Wolcottville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Elkins and Fred and Jeannie Elkins, all of Hudson; 12 grandchildren, Greg Barkey, Freddie Elkins, John Paul Elkins, Paula Sue Elkins, Kane Elkins, Kole Elkins, Brian Shepherd, Eric Shepherd, Amanda Schwartz, Jennifer Slone, Rayne Elkins and Rylei Elkins; and three great-grandchildren, Joshua Barkey, Ashley Shepherd and Alexis Shepherd.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Brian Shepherd officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home.

Condolences can be e-mailed to Johnson@bnin.net.

Matthew Merrill

CHURUBUSCO — Matthew C. Merrill, 50, of Blue Lake near Churubusco died at 12:33 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City after suffering an apparent heart attack at his home.

Mr. Merrill

Mr. Merrill was a lifetime Churubusco area resident and 1976 graduate of Churubusco High School.

For the past two years he had been a truck driver at Jackson Oil and Solvents Inc. in Fort Wayne. Prior to that, he had been employed at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Merrill was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church. He enjoyed motorcycle riding, target shooting, playing cards and pyrotechnics.

He was born Oct. 24, 1955, in Fort Wayne to Paul "Red" and Jennie Merrill. They are deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Diona Merrill of Churubusco; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Patricia "Trish" Merrill and Mary Lou and Keith Shultz, all of Churubusco; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul "Buddy" and Becky Merrill of Churubusco; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs and E. Vaughn Powell officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.
Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.net.

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Rita Witte

HUDSON — Rita E. Witte, 81, of Hudson and formerly of Hogback Lake died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Witte was born June 23, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Mathias and Dora (Fortman) VanderHaar. She was married to Wayne Witte in 1945, and he preceded her in death on June 2, 1995.

She came from Fort Wayne in 1977 and was a secretary for the Sunshine Stores. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, where she belonged to the Altar and Rosary Society. She was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Paula Witte of Hudson and Ronald and Beth Witte of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Betty Butcher Thomson and Robert James Thomson of Hudson; a brother and sister-in-law, Maury and Catherine VanderHaar of Fort Wayne; a stepbrother, Les Sorg of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Ralph Maloney of Amarillo, Texas; four grandchildren and their spouses, Karen Witte, Keith and Cindy Butcher, Roger and Yvonne Witte and Sarah Witte; and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Werner VanderHaar, and a sister, Ruth Butcher.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, with the Rev. Phillip Schreider officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church or the American Diabetes Association.

Ida Crone

BUTLER — Ida Mae Crone, 87, of Butler died Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Crone was born March 25, 1919, in Muncie to George and Mina Bice. She was married to Joseph Crone on June 12, 1937, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 7, 1997.

She was the co-owner of Crone's Tri-State Market from 1966 to 1978.

Surviving are three sons, Joseph Crone of Hartford City, Darrell Crone of Fort Wayne and Richard Crone of Angola; a daughter, Marsha Stewart of Fremont; a foster daughter, Kay Valangeon of Winchester; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a brother and two sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Marion National Cemetery Chapel, Marion. There will be no calling. Burial will be in Marion National Cemetery.

Local arrangements are by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Betty Berra

LIGONIER — Betty L. Berra, 81, of Ligonier died at 2:11 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Chester Keeler

ANGOLA — Chester J. Keeler, 87, of Angola died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Keeler was born July 29, 1919, in Fort Wayne. He was employed by Conrail as an engineer, and retired in 1978 after 38 years of service.

He was a 1937 graduate of Central High School, and was a founding and lifelong member of New Haven Kiwanis. He was an avid golfer and accomplished woodworker and mandolin player.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Andrews of Indianapolis; three sons, Laurence and Cary Keeler, both of Angola, and John Keeler of Yuma, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy Edith (Lantz) Keeler; a sister, Clara M. Denton; and four brothers, Joseph, Arthur, Robert and Donald Keeler.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and also one hour before services on Saturday.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to New Haven Kiwanis.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Elsie V. Price

LIGONIER — Elsie V. Price, 78, of Ligonier died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006 at 5:10 a.m. at LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

She was born in Detroit, Michigan on Oct. 17, 1927 to John and Margaret B. (Meszaros) Polyak. Both are deceased.

Elsie Price

After moving to the Ligonier community from Detroit, she lived there 60 years. She was a homemaker. She liked to read, do puzzles, garden, cook and spend time with her family. She married Charles F. Price on May 3, 1952. He survives.

Other survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Lorraine K. and Mark Kramer of Schaumburg, Ill. and Cheryl L. Allen of Michigan City, Ind.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sally and Louis Marinelli of Lincoln Park, Mich. and Margie and Bruce Peshek of Bay City, Mich.; two grandchildren, Jeremy Allen of Central, S.C., and Rachel Allen, currently at Ball State University.

Preceding her in death was a daughter, Marianne Price, who died in March 2005.

There will be no visitation.

There will be a luncheon celebrating her life this Saturday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m. at the Ligonier Evangelical Church on U.S. 33.

J.A.Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice.

Jimmie Canaday

EDGERTON, Ohio — Jimmie W. Canaday, 69, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 7:28 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was a patient for two weeks.

Mr. Canaday was a crib attendant at Bohn Aluminum in Butler, retiring with 42 years of service. He attended the Butler Christian Assembly of God.

He was born Sept. 25, 1936, in Wayne, W. Va., the son of Kyle and Opal (Johnson) Canaday.

He married Edna M. Davis on March 4, 1957, in Cattletsburg, W. Va., and she survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law Kyle and Linda Canaday of Ligonier, Roger Canaday of Edgerton, Ohio, and Kevin and Connie Canaday of Bryan, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Jackie and Patrick Ailiff, of Edgerton, Ohio; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Linda Cheek of Edgerton, Ohio, and June and Kenneth Fuller of Ceredo, W.Va.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, James Patrick Canaday, and one sister, Norma Stafford.

Services were Wednesday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio, with Pastor Matt Snoderly officiating. Interment was in Maple Grove Cemetery at Edgerton.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and the online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Katherine Pratt

LIGONIER — Katherine Ann Pratt, 48, of Ligonier died at 6:42 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Pratt was a homemaker and had lived in the area most of her life.

She was a member of Church of the Stone in Wolcottville.

Mrs. Pratt enjoyed collecting dolls, spending time at home with her family, reading the Bible and reading mystery novels.

She was born March 8, 1958, in Fort Wayne to Richard Gregg of Arizona and Dorothy (Koon) Clark of Arizona. She married Billy M. Pratt on Dec. 6, 1976, in Cromwell. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kimberly and Zachery Sanger of Charlevoix, Mich., and Tiffany Pratt, at home; two sons, Pfc. Billy Mac Pratt with the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Horno in Oceanside, Calif., and Alexander Pratt, at home; two brothers, James Gregg of Fort Wayne and Daniel Gregg of Auburn; and two sisters, Sheryl Miller of Decatur, Ala., and Rebecca Knott of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Mike Stanley of the Church of the Stone officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at the funeral home.

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Betty Lehman

TOPEKA — Betty J. Lehman, 85, of Topeka died Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Lehman was a homemaker and lifetime area resident.

She enjoyed gardening and tying quilts for her church.

She was born Feb. 8, 1921, in Noble County to Charlie and Cora Belle (Inles) Rice. She married Myron Don Wiley in 1941 and he died in October 1947. She then married La Void Lehman on June 2, 1950, and he died in January 2005.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gerry and Sandra Wiley of Columbia City, Greg and Connie Lehman of Topeka and Dexter and Sheryl Lehman of Buffalo, Minn.; a daughter and son-in-law, Marlene and Roger Gohl of Los Angeles, Calif.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Ruth Beason of Newbury, Mich., Maxine and Jack Hubler of Angola and Bonny Ramer of Wawaka; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Leslie, Ernest and Ivan Rice; and three sisters, Mary Lung, Lucille Anders and Violet Smith.

Services will at Topeka Mennonite Church with Pastor Elmer Wyse officiating. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery near Topeka.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Topeka Mennonite Church.

Elmer Yoder

TOPEKA — Elmer M. Yoder, 90, of Topeka died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Yoder was a farmer.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born June 27, 1916, in Nappanee to Martin and Lovina (Yoder) Yoder. He married Katie Otto on June 8, 1950. She died March 6, 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary and Freeman Weaver and Elsie Yoder, all of Topeka, and Esther and Eldon Miller of Ligonier; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Glen and Ruby Yoder of Topeka and Ernest Yoder of Sarasota, Fla.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Amanda Christner of Topeka and Ida Mae and Kenneth Christner of Mongo; two half sisters; a stepsister; two stepbrothers; a stepsister-in-law; 22 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a great-grandchild; three sisters; and a stepbrother.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Freeman Weaver residence, 4685 W. C.R. 600S, with Bishop Harvey Lambright and home ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be all day Thursday, today, at the Weaver residence.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

Services pending for Gerald Haggard

LIGONIER — Gerald D. Haggard, 70, of Ligonier died at 5:55 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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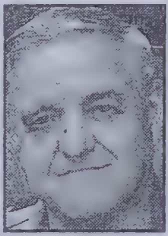
THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *was inadvertantly omitted from Thursday's newspaper We apologize for the omission.*

Sonny E. Spake

AUBURN — Sonny E. Spake, 69, of Auburn and formerly of Butler, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mr. Spake

He was born July 9, 1937, in Dowagiac, Mich., to Elsworth and Irene (King) Spake, who are both deceased.

He was the co-owner of Spake and Watson TV and Appliance store in Butler and retired as a service technician. He served as the city judge for Butler for several years and was a member of the Grace Point Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne. He earned his pilot's license and his hobbies included building and flying model airplanes. He was a member of the DeKalb Flying Club.

He married Sharon Seltenright July 13, 1956, in Butler and they celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 4. She survives in Auburn.

Other survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Neil and Valarie Spake of Austin, Texas and Marty Spake of Dallas, Texas; two grandchildren, Evan and Erika Spake of Austin, Texas; a brother- law and his wife, Jim and Alice Seltenright of Butler; two sisters-in-law and their husbands, Jeanne and Edward Buell of Butler and Phyllis and Jerry Crothers of Leo; and two nieces.

He also preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Esther and J. Wendell Bell and one nephew, Aaron Bell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Rex Person officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery in Butler.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Grace Point Church bus fund.

Rose Teixeira

AUBURN — Graveside services for Rose M. Teixeira, 65, of Auburn, were conducted at 11 a.m. today in the Cedar Chapel Cemetery, near Garrett.

Mrs. Teixeira died Sunday, July 16, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She worked as a cashier at the Sunshine Market for 11 years. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born May 7, 1941, in Auburn.

Surviving are a son, Andy Teixeira of Auburn; and a brother, Bob Bastan of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lionel E. Teixeira.

Memorials are to the family.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, handled arrangements.

Donald J. Reed

YODER — Donald J. Reed, 79, of rural Yoder died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at Ossian Health Care and Rehab.

Born Aug. 13, 1927, in Yoder, he was a lifelong farmer and worked in maintenance at L.S. Ayres, Fort Wayne for 12 years. He served in the Army during the Korean War era.

He married Betty J. Mills on June 18, 1955, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Yoder.

Other survivors include four sons and three daughters-in-law, John and Kaylynn Reed of Yoder, James and Judy Reed of Ossian, Robert Reed of Yoder and Kevin and Karen Reed of Bluffton; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Karl Blust of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Gene and Deb Reed of Monroeville; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mary Silvers of Fort Wayne, Opal and Edgar Freiburger of Ossian, and Evelyn Watts and Bonnie and Lloyd Hendricks, both of Decatur; and eight grandchildren, Katrina and Corbin Reed of Fort Wayne, Zachary and Joseph Blust of Auburn, and Klayton, Kourtney, and Konner Reed of Bluffton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James M. and Esther Louise (Winters) Reed; and a sister, Carol Ruth Tustison of San Antonio, Texas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home in Ossian, with the Rev. Joe Baker officiating. Burial was in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Ossian.

Memorials are to the Wells County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

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Hazel Johnson

CHURUBUSCO — Hazel A. Johnson, 91, of Churubusco died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient two weeks.

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Johnson grew up in Whitley County and was a 1934 graduate of Churubusco High School.

She was a homemaker and member of Lake Chapel United Methodist Church and its Methodist Women. She was also a member of Smith Township Homemakers.

Mrs. Johnson and her late husband wintered in Bradenton, Fla., for many years.

She enjoyed reading, crocheting and spending time with her family.

She was born July 20, 1938, in Homer, Ill., to Theodore and Anna (Oye) Green. She married Robert Johnson on Oct. 15, 1938, in the Churubusco United Methodist Church parsonage. He died May 5, 1996.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janne and Kenton Buesching of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Sherry Johnson and Donald and Terry Johnson, all of Columbia City, and David and Jann Johnson of Churubusco; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Harlan, and a brother, Wilbur Green.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Harold Klinker of Lake Chapel United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Memorials are to Lake Chapel United Methodist Church or the donor's choice.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympahty@sheetsandchilds.net.

Charles Yoder

ANGOLA — Charles "Chuck" Yoder, 76, of Angola died at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at home.

Mr. Yoder was born Jan. 26, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Boone and Ada (Eberle) Yoder. He was employed for 33 years in various positions in the trucking industry, and was the business agent for Teamsters Local No. 414 for 11 1/2 years. He retired on Jan. 31, 1995.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret "Peg" Yoder; four children, JoAnn Romanowski and James, Charles "Mike" and Carl Yoder, all of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Rick Monroe of Auburn, Tim Monroe of Mishawaka and Mark Monroe of Osceola; a sister, Helen Radke; four grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. on Sept. 22 at Advantage Funeral & Cremation Services in Fort Wayne. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Indiana University for cancer research.

Susie Yoder

LAGRANGE — Susie J. Yoder, 89, of LaGrange died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born June 8, 1917, in Conway Springs, Kan., to John E. and Katie (Troyer) Miller. She married John D. Yoder on Jan. 13, 1938, in Conway Springs. He died April 15, 1974.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Yoder of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Ora and Wilma Yoder of LaGrange; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Joni J. Miller of Shipshewana, Eli J. Miller of Rochester and Ammon J. and Alma Miller of Topeka; nine grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Mary Kurtz; and two brothers, Willie and Christy Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Perry Bontrager residence, 5520 W. C.R. 100N, LaGrange, with Bishop Dan Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Delsie Hooley

SHIPSHEWANA — Delsie Edith Hooley, 96, of Shipshewana died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Hooley was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and member of Shore Mennonite Church.

She had been a cook at Shipshewana-Scott Elementary for many years.

She was born Aug. 6, 1910, in LaGrange County to John and Clara (Miller) Hostetler. She married Roy Hooley on Feb. 16, 1929, in LaGrange County. He died April 8, 2000.

Surviving are three sons, Maurice Hooley of LaGrange, Francis "Frank" Hooley of Shipshewana and Dennis Hooley of Middlebury; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Catherine Miller and Jenny Yoder; and a brother, Wilbur Hostetler.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Shore Mennonite Church at Shipshewana with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to the Gideons.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Roberta Pease

ANGOLA — Roberta D. "Bobbie" Pease, 57, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

She worked at the Pokagon State Park camp store in Angola and previously worked at Kohl's department store as a training technician. She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola and graduated from Elmhurst High School in Fort Wayne in 1966.

She was born in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Michael Pease of Angola; two daughters and their husbands, Tammi and Brad Glass of Fort Wayne and Lisa and Paul Phillips of Leo; two sisters and their husbands, Marilyn and Virgil Hiatt of Ruskin, Fla. and Judy and Leonard Thieme of Decatur; and seven grandchildren, Tom and Cassie Phillips and Justin Glass of Fort Wayne, Nicole West of Lafayette and Megan, Mya and Luke Phillips of Leo.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. John M. Kuzmich officiating. Calling will be today from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Arlene Hatfield

HUNTERTOWN — Arlene M. Hatfield, 44, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She lived near Huntertown and was a summer resident of Jimmerson and Snow lakes for a number of years.

She was a homemaker and previously worked as a computer programmer with Kmart Distribution Center and Group Dekko. She attended St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

She was a loving and caring wife, mother, daughter and sister, and devoted herself to her family and to volunteer work for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and other organizations.

Surviving are her husband, Michael, of Huntertown; a son, Lucas, at home; a daughter, Angela, at home; her father, Harry Baumann of Murphreesboro, Tenn.; and two brothers, Bob Baumann of Fort Wayne and Tom Baumann of Kendallville.

Her mother, Joyce Baumann, preceded her in death.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. John Kuzmich officiating. Calling is today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with a vigil at 8 p.m., and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Betty Berra

LIGONIER — Betty L. Berra, 81, of Ligonier died at 2:22 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She lived most of her life in the Ligonier area, and also resided in the Phoenix, Ariz., area. She worked as a service manager.

Mrs. Berra was a member of the Ligonier Eagles Auxiliary, several bowling leagues and enjoyed playing golf. She made a hole-in-one.

On June 22, 1925, in Madison, S.D., she was born to Maxwell and Edna (Stroop) Emery.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ridgely "Butch" and Terri Ritter of Syracuse; a daughter, Wendy Ritter of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Tammy Wolfe and her spouse, George, Ridgely Ritter Jr., Trevor Ritter, Brandi Ritter and Tyler Ritter; and 10 great-grandchildren.

One grandson and one great-grandson preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, with Larry Baker officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Mack Garrett Sr.

MUNCIE — Mack D. Garrett Sr., 55, of Muncie died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne after an extended illness.

Mr. Garrett

A native of Hartford City, he was born to John and Dorothy Gibson Garrett.

Mr. Garrett attended Muncie schools and Ivy Tech. He served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was an avid fisherman.

Mr. Garrett retired in 1987 from Pyromet Industries after seven years of service.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Mack D. and Cordilla Garrett Jr. of South Milford; one daughter, Kristi D. Garrett of Muncie; one brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Betty Garrett of Yorktown; one sister, Colleen Garrett of Union City; one uncle, Clarence Gibson of Muncie; two grandchildren, Kacie Leann Garrett and Jessica Lynn Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Garrett was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Richard Garrett.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Parson Mortuary in Muncie with Pastor Denny Helton officiating. Burial will follow in Beech Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home and prior to services Monday.

Military graveside rites will be conducted by Delaware County Veterans Honor Guard.

Online condolences may be submitted to www.parsonmortuary.com.

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Thelma Weimer

KENDALLVILLE — Thelma Marie "Dolly" Weimer, 74, of Kendallville died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Weimer

She was employed and retired from Flint & Walling and Quick Tanks in Kendallville after more than 20 years of service. She was retired from Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., after 20 years.

In Kendallville, she was a member of the Moose Lodge, V.F.W. Auxiliary, Eagles Lodge, and was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Mrs. Weimer loved playing cards, mushroom hunting, flea markets and garage sales and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

In Logansport on July 12, 1932, she was born to Rueben Earl and Ida Beatrice (Sloop) Boehme. She married Samuel Ivan Weimer on Oct. 28, 1967, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death in December 2005.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Earl and Pam Brown of Nashville, Tenn., Kenneth and Faith Brown of Auburn and Ben and Judell Brown of South Milford; three daughters and a son-in-law, Gloria Brown and Carla Hogle, both of Mishawaka, and Stacia and Edward Stump of Kimmell; two stepsons and their spouses, Sam and Sandy Weimer of Corunna, and Thomas and SunYe Weimer of Rinneyville, Ky.; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Susie and Cody Schneider and Jeannette and Fred Smart, all of Kendallville; a sister, Josephine Freeman of Elkhart; a brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Mary Ellen Boehme of Elkhart; 41 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, her parents, a son, Richard Boehme, in February 1971, along with two brothers, Fred and Carl Boehme, and a sister, Mary Linback, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley, with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, rural Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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LeGrases' warmth will always be cherished

BY LYNN HOUSER

Thirty years ago this fall, I was fresh out of the U.S. Navy and beginning my career in journalism as a rookie sportswriter for The News-Sun. On short notice, the best I could do for living arrangements was a trailer by the railroad tracks in Albion.

It wasn't long before I discovered that trailer life wasn't for me. The daily train whistles at 5:15 a.m. quickly convinced me of that.

So I started checking the classified ads of The News-Sun for apartments in the area and came across one that claimed to have a "homey cottage" on the Angling Road north of Kendallville.

Sounding almost too good to be true, I had to check it out. To my utter surprise, the "cottage" turned out to be a converted chicken coop.

I kid you not.

It was a flat, one-story dwelling barely six feet from roof to floor. But being a height-challenged person of 5-foot-6, I did not consider that a deal-breaker.

On the inside you would never suspect a chicken ever had called it home. It was immaculately clean with natural, wood floors and paneled walls. It was furnished with simple but functional furniture.

The owners of the place were Charles and Dora LeGras, a couple in their 50s whose children already were out of the nest. We seemed to hit it off from the start, even before I asked them how much they wanted for it. The words "$125 a month" had barely left their lips before I said, "I'll take it."

Mrs. LeGras

It was the start of a beautiful friendship. Living in a two-story farm house just a few paces away, the LeGrases always had the welcome mat out for me. I wore that path out, too, especially when the aroma of Dora's home-made pies made its way to my kitchen window.

I could not have asked for better landlords. Not once did they ever complain about the times I cranked up my stereo or the times when my noisy friends stayed too late. They didn't even complain when I, against their wishes, allowed a big ol' gray farm cat named Herman to come in from the cold. They had every right to complain about that after Herman marked his territory with a foul-smelling spray in the corner.

The LeGrases even felt as if they were imposing on me by asking for the rent when I was a little tardy. There would be a timid knock on the door and a reminder that went something like this: "Uh, Lynn, the rent was due last Monday ... but if you need another couple of days it's OK."

During the recession of 1978, they were genuinely reluctant to raise the rent a mere $10. Speaking of '78, that was the year of the Great Blizzard. Without them, I might have been marooned by myself for days. As it turned out, we had a pretty good time riding the storm out.

It was during some of those cold, desolate winter nights that we became family. A hot meal is one thing; a warm house is much more.

By "warm" I mean "warmth" — as in the loving, caring warmth that family members have for each other. As the years passed I claimed the LeGrases as my surrogate parents and I think they looked at me as an adopted son.

Charles and Dora welcomed any friend of mine with open arms. They were the kind of people who did not have it in them to harbor malice, not even for the drunk driver who left them with health issues for years.

Even after moving to Bloomington in 1984, I continued to drop in on them during return visits. It was around Christmas last year when I stopped in to see them along with my wife, Pat, who they also "adopted" from the time I first introduced them in 1981.

We had heard that Dora's health wasn't so good, but we wouldn't have known it by the way her eyes lit up when she saw us. It was a truly

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wonderful visit — lots of laughs about blizzards and cats and good times around the kitchen table.

Before leaving, Charles took us aside and privately thanked us for stopping by. I told him it was the other way around, that it was us who should be thanking them for being there all those years.

Wednesday afternoon, we received one of those dreaded phone calls. Dora had succumbed to her long battle with cancer. The family wanted us to be one of the first ones to know.

If circumstance would have allowed, we would have hopped into the car right then and motored all the way to Kendallville. We would have made that turn onto the Angling Road and driven the three-mile distance to that familiar house with the chicken coop in back. We would have loved to have shared some stories about Dora over apple pie, coffee and tears. Despite her absence, it would have been a joyful gathering. Dora wouldn't have had it any other way.

She might be gone, but the warmth she and her family brought to our lives will be there as long as that house is standing.

God bless the LeGras family.

LYNN HOUSER *is a former sports editor of The News-Sun, and is now a sports-writer for the Bloomington Herald-Times.*

Esther Miller

WATERLOO — Esther Louise Miller, 94, of Waterloo died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Miller was born Feb. 23, 1912, in DeKalb County to John N. and Margaret (Hoff) Shoudel. She was married to Carl B. Miller on July 31, 1935, in St. Michael's Catholic Church. He preceded her in death on July 28, 1996.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and the church's Rosary Society and Harvest House. She was also a member of DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jane and Harold Stafford and Lucille Miller, all of Waterloo; seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Albert, Michael and Carl Shoudel, and a sister, Clara McGuin.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with a Rosary service at 7:45 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to masses at the church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Ruth Schrock

FREMONT — Ruth Ann Schrock, 67, of Fremont and formerly of Bradenton, Fla. died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Schrock was born July 11, 1939, in Michigan to James K. and Sybil (Carter) Watkins. She was a golf course landscaper.

She enjoyed playing darts, which she did competitively. She belonged to the Sarasota Darting Association and the Bradenton Area Darters, both in Florida.

Surviving are a son, Mark Zsolzai of Bradenton; a daughter, Dawn Schrock of Fremont; a brother, Jim Watkins of Bradenton; two sisters, Leigh Mattox of California and Marian Tyson of Michigan; four grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

There will be no services or calling. Arrangements were handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Memorials are to the family care of Dawn Schrock.

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Alice Schmidt

FORT WAYNE — Alice J. Schmidt, 79, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and a volunteer with ARC for 26 years.

Surviving are her husband, Gerhard C. "Gerry" Schmidt of Fort Wayne; two sons, Gerry L. Schmidt of Fort Wayne and David Williams of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Susan Schmidt of Midland, Texas, and Anitalynn Tighe of Cupertino, Calif.; a brother, John Hursh of Auburn; a sister, Sally Paschal of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Steven Schmidt; and a brother, Donald Hursh.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Concordia Lutheran Church, 4245 Lake Ave., with burial at Concordia Gardens Cemetery.

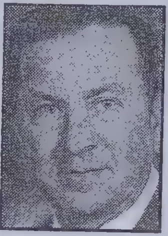
Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road.

Memorials are to Concordia Lutheran Church.

Thierian Nettleman

BRONSON, Mich. — Thierian Paul Nettleman, 70, of Bronson died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Nettleman lived all his life in the Branch County, Mich., area. He worked for Dana Corp. in Angola for 30 years as a set-up man, retiring in 1993. He attended Bronson schools and loved hunting, fishing and trapping.



Mr. Nettleman

He was born Dec. 4, 1935, in East Gilead Township, Mich., to Harvey and Addie (Harley) Nettleman.

He married Catherine S. Merriman on Dec. 14, 1957, in Coldwater. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherry Torres of Battle Creek, Mich., and Diana and David Nettleman of Greenville, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Astrid Nettleman of East Gilead, Mich.; five grandchildren and one great grandchild; and a brother, Jarvis Nettleman of Coldwater, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in East Gilead Missionary Church. Pastor David Cole will officiate. Burial will be in East Gilead Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Putnam Funeral Home in Coldwater, Mich.

Memorials are to the East Gilead Missionary Church.

Online tributes may be posted at www.putnamfuneralhome.com.

Clayton Goodwin

KENDALLVILLE — Clayton O. Goodwin, 92, of Kendallville and formerly of South Bend died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at Chandler House.

Mr. Goodwin had retired after 40 years of service as the manager of the Kroeger Grocery Store.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Goodwin was a member of Demming Masonic Lodge 88 in North Manchester, American Legion Post 303 and the Disabled American Veterans.

He was born Aug. 1, 1914, in Mercer City, Ohio, to Marion C. and Sara (Trippy) Goodwin. He married Ruth L. Foltz on Jan. 1, 1939, in Lima, Ohio. She survives in Hawaii.

Also surviving are two sons, James C. Goodwin of Kendallville and Paul Goodwin of Santa Barbara, Calif.; a daughter, Jane Goodwin of Hawaii; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Welsheimer Family Funeral Home North, 17033 Cleveland Road, South Bend. Inurnment will be in Saint Joseph Valley Memorial Park.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to welshf@yahoo.com.

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James Watson

BRYAN, Ohio — James E. Watson, 68, of Bryan, Ohio, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006.

Mr. Watson

The son of Dwight and Violet (Mulvany) Watson, he grew up in Bloomington, Ind. He joined the U.S. Navy upon his graduation from Bloomington High School and served his country in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army for six years.

Self-educated in the field of engineering, he was co-owner of Spake & Watson TV Repair in Butler.

The bulk of his career was spent at Ohio Art toy company in Bryan, Ohio, where he rose to the position of director of international business administration before he retired in 2003. He was instrumental in the development of Ohio Art's Etch A Sketch Animator and The Ghost Writer. He traveled extensively throughout the United States and the Pacific Rim in developing Ohio Art's productions.

He was a faithful member, lector and eucharistic minister at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Bryan, Ohio. He served a two-year term as president and board member of Habitat for Humanity in Williams County.

He loved to build, whether toys or houses, and was in his element in creating. He put an entire addition on his house, by himself, in his 60s. He was an accomplished artist and played the guitar. In his earlier years, he enjoyed bowling and tennis. In his later years, he loved to play cards or do crosswords with his wife.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Claire W. (Peters) Watson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Heather and Robert Becker of Noblesville and Amber and Maximilian Dimoff, of Cleveland, Ohio; six grandchildren, Rachel, Benjamin, Allison, and Aaron Becker and Isabel and Xavier Dimoff; and two sisters, Becky Haynes of Huber Heights, Ohio, and Teri Guevara of Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Bill Martin.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in St. Patrick Catholic Church, 704 S. Portland St., Bryan, Ohio, with Father Dale Ehrman officiating. Private burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, 860 W. Mulberry St., Bryan, Ohio, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Williams County Habitat for Humanity, St. Patrick Catholic Church or Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers-Hospice Care..

A guest register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Thurlow Mock

SYRACUSE — Thurlow S. Mock, 84, of Syracuse died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Mock was a lifetime Syracuse area resident and farmer.

He had been a bus driver for the Wawasee school system from 1949-1975.

Mr. Mock was a 1940 graduate of Syracuse High School and had attended Manchester College.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Mr. Mock was a member of the North Webster Church of the Brethren.

He was born Dec. 21, 1921, in North Webster to Charles and Rhonda (Eberly) Mock. He married Mary Kitchen on Aug. 8, 1942. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patti and Larry Martindale of Syracuse; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Georgie Mock of Logansport; five grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a sister-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ryland and Zeno Mock.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to North Webster Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent online to www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Esther Miller

WATERLOO — Esther Louise Miller, 94, of Waterloo died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church and the church's Rosary Society and Harvest House. She was also a member of DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

She was born Feb. 23, 1912 in DeKalb County to John N. and Margaret (Hoff) Shoudel.

She married Carl B. Miller on July 31, 1935, in St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo. He preceded her in death on July 28, 1996.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jane and Harold Stafford and Lucille Miller, all of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Albert, Michael and Carl Shoudel; a sister, Clara McGuin; and a great-grandson, Curtis Stafford.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with a rosary service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses at the church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Grace Walsdorf

DECATUR — Grace E. "Betti" Walsdorf, 66, of Decatur died Friday, Sept. 15, 2006, at Adams Memorial Hospital following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Mrs. Walsdorf formerly taught English at Central Noble High School in Albion and was a former member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

She was a current member of Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur and a former member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hobart.

Mrs. Walsdorf was born Jan. 3, 1940, in Chicago, Ill., to John and LaVorna (Grunden) Strey. She married Paul Walsdorf Jr. He died Aug. 3, 2001.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Paul III and Sandy Walsdorf and John and Laurie Walsdorf, all of Hobart, and Jeff and Jennifer Walsdorf of Houston, Texas; a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Scott Millington of Decatur; and 10 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Charles Walsdorf.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Zion Lutheran Church in Decatur with Pastor Scott Bruick officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church Forward in Faith.

Condolences may be sent online to www.zwickjahn.com.

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George Ludwig

ANGOLA — Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, for George William "Bill" Ludwig, 69, a prominent local businessman and volunteer for many community organizations.

Mr. Ludwig died Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, at his Lake James home.

This year's Downtown Angola Fall Fest will be dedicated in honor of Mr. Ludwig, who volunteered much time to the festival, which runs this weekend.

Virginia Wright

LAGRANGE — Virginia L. Wright, 75, of LaGrange died at 7:20 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange.

Miss Wright was a homemaker. She loved to shop.

She was born Oct. 9, 1930, in Three Rivers, Mich., to Don and Mary (Hesher) Wright. They are deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Willedean Warble of Howe; a brother, Lamar Wright of Reno, Nev.; and three nephews, Don, William and Timothy Warble.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol of the First Church of God in LaGrange officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Ernestine Parish

AUBURN — Ernestine G. Parish, 86, of Auburn, died Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, at Wesley HealthCare in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

Rev. Reuben Bebler

NAPOLEON, Ohio — The Rev. Reuben Bebler, 82, of Napoleon, Ohio, died Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, at the Lutheran Home in Napoleon.

The Rev. Bebler was born July 19, 1924, in Wells, Minn., to Emil and Alvina (Beckman) Bebler. He married Joyce A. Miller on Oct. 8, 1948. She survives.

He graduated from United Theological Seminary in Minneapolis in 1964. After serving parishes in Minnesota, he and his family moved to Holgate, Ohio, in 1969, where he served as pastor at St. John's United Church of Christ, retiring in 1987. He moved to Angola after retirement, and returned to Napoleon in 2003. He also served in the Merchant Marines during World War II.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Peggy Bebler of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Steven Dunlop of Lafayette; a sister and brother-in-law, Eunice and Marvin Grunzke of Montgomery, Ala.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant daughter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. John's United Church of Christ, Holgate, with the Rev. Jane I. Hillman officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Snyder-Wesche Funeral Home, Napoleon, and Thursday one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be in the St. John's church cemetery.

Memorials are to St. John's United Church of Christ, Napoleon Lutheran Home of the charity of one's choice.

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Dora Smith

COLUMBIA CITY — Dora Vesta "Dick" Smith, 93, of Noble County died Sunday, Sept. 17, 2006, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City where she had been admitted Saturday. She had been a resident of Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home since February.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith had been employed at Blue Bell in Columbia City, Lyle Electric in Albion and Monsanto in Ligonier.

She enjoyed being a homemaker, baking, and caring for her grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and its Ladies Aide.

She was born July 20, 1913, in Noble Township to Jacob and Hettie (Rapp) Kichler. She attended grade school at Merriam and completed her education at Wolf Lake High School where she was a member of the 1931-32 basketball team.

She married Lewis W. Smith on Jan. 30, 1935. He died Nov. 12, 1981.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Judy and Donald Gilbert, Patsy Decker and Rita Smith; a son, Stephen M. Smith, all of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a stepson, Charles E. Smith; a son-in-law, Jeffry Decker; a granddaughter; a brother, Tony Kichler; and five sisters, Mable McNeal, Sylvia Keister, Cleo Rensch, Dorothy Mayfield and Gladys Kichler.

Service will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. James Haugen, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church or Passages.

Condolences may be sent online to www.smithandsons-funeralhome.com.

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George 'Bill' Ludwig

LAKE JAMES — George William "Bill" Ludwig, 69, of Lake James died Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, at home.

Mr. Ludwig was born July 5, 1937, in Bluffton to Paul E. and Lois P. (Parling) Ludwig. He married Peg L. Hangosky on June 21, 1959, and she survives.

Mr. Ludwig

He graduated from Dunkirk High School in Dunkirk, and then went to Michigan State University, where he majored in food distribution and received his bachelor's degree in 1959. After graduation, he moved back to Dunkirk, where he entered the family supermarket business. He took over ownership of Ludwig's Supermarket in Portland, where he served the community for over 25 years.

After the sale of the business, he moved to his home on Lake James in 1993. He embarked on a new career in life and health insurance with his company, Priority Health. He was a registered life and health insurance representative at the time of his death.

In Angola, he was the treasurer of the Steuben County Council on Aging. He was active with the organization of the annual Angola Fall Fest and was a member of the Downtown Merchant's Association, Rotary Club International and Business Networking International. He belonged to the Northeast Indiana Association of Health Underwriters and was a Certified Senior Advisor.

In Portland, he was affiliated with the Lions Club, Elks Lodge and Portland Chamber of Commerce. He was a board member for the Indiana Retail Grocers and was the director of the Jay County Fair Board. He was a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash award. He also belonged to the Michigan State University President's Club, the Jay County Industrial Development Committee and the National Association of Retail Grocers.

Also surviving are his mother, Lois P. Ludwig Louck of Lake Mary, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Callie Ludwig of Terre Haute; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lea Ann Ludwig of New Britain, Conn., Teresa "Terri" and Mark Christiansen of Auburn and Jennifer and Alan Kirk Jr. of Lansing, Mich.; two brothers, Jerrold Ludwig of Dunkirk and Anthony Ludwig of Winter Springs, Fla.; a sister, Leslie Garr of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Alisha Ludwig and Benjamin Christiansen; and two stepgrandchildren, David and Mae Christiansen.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday one hour before services.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton, with graveside services at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Memorials are to Steuben County Community Foundation, Portland Community Foundation, Steuben County Council on Aging or Steuben County Cancer Association.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ernestine Parish

AUBURN — Ernestine G. Parish, 86, of Auburn died Monday. Sept. 18, 2006, at Wesley HealthCare in Auburn.

Mrs. Parish was retired from her career as a telephone operator for Indiana Bell in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 13, 1920, in Mill Creek, W.Va., to John and Lillian (White) Gum. They preceded her in death.

She married Ralph A. Parish on May 1, 1942, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. He died Aug. 19, 1978.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jenny L. and Barry Bartels of Fort Wayne; a grandson and his spouse, Brent and Melissa Veldman of Fort Wayne; and two great-grandchildren, Jasmine and Cameron Veldman.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

Services will be Thursday at 6 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Old Mission Cemetery at Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

William Frey

AVILLA — William Frey, 78, of Avilla died today, Sept. 20, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Isabelle Greenwalt

ASHLEY — Isabelle Greenwalt, 88, of Ashley and formerly of Big Long Lake died Tuesday morning in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

Eva Cobb

SPENCERVILLE — Eva May Cobb, 83, died Tuesday morning, Sept. 19, 2006, at her daughter's home in Butler.

Mrs. Cobb retired from Rieke Corp. and also owned and operated God's Farm in Spencerville. She was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

She was born Jan. 21, 1923, in Detroit, Mich., to William and Nellie (Smith) Brackney. They preceded her in death.

She married Darwin E. Cobb Sr. on Aug. 1, 1940, in Bryan, Ohio. He died July 15, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara and Earl Goldsmith of Butler, Josephine and Ron Dicke of Auburn and Dorothy Wolfe of Fort Wayne; a son and his companion, Darwin Cobb Jr. and Dawn Mason of Auburn; 24 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren; two brothers, George Brackney of Garden City, Mich., and Robert Brackney of Dearborn, Mich.; and a sister, Joyce Martin of Detroit.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Harold, Fred, Allen, Joe and Bon, and two sisters, Ann Brackney and Helen Dull.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at God's Farm, 6689 C.R. 55, Spencerville, with Pastor Bill Haworth officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

Robert Poorman

HOWE — Robert Poorman, 69, of Howe died at 5:02 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Services are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
September 20, 2006, Wednesday

Dora Vesta "Dick" Smith, 93

COLUMBIA CITY – Dora Vesta "Dick" Smith, 93 of Noble County, died at 11:35 a.m., Sunday, September 17, 2006 at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City where she was admitted on Saturday. She had been a resident at Miller's Merry Manor, since February 2006.

She was born July 20, 1913 in Noble Township, Noble County a daughter of Jacob and Hettie (Rapp) Kichler. She attended grade school at Merriam and completed her education at Wolf Lake High School where she was a member of the 1931-32 basketball team.

On January 30, 1935 she was united in marriage to Lewis W. Smith. They made their home in Merriam for a year before moving to a farm on 250 West. Mr. Smith died November 12, 1981.

She was employed at Blue Bell in Columbia City, Lyle Electric in Albion and Monsanta in Ligonier. She enjoyed being a homemaker, baking and caring for her grandchildren.

Her memberships include Zion Lutheran Church and its Ladies Aide.

Surviving relatives include three daughters, Judy (Donald) Gilbert, Pasty Decker and Rita Smith; a son, Stephen M. Smith, all of Columbia City, eight grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a step son, Charles E. Smith; a son-in-law, Jeffry Decker; a granddaughter; a brother, Tony Kichler; and five sisters, Mable McNeal, Sylvia Keister, Cleo Rensch, Dorothy Mayfield and Gladys Kichler.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 21, 2006 at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. James Haugen, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, officiating. The burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. The visitation will be from from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church or Passages.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Kathleen C. Stephens, 82

ALBION – Kathleen C. Stephens, 82 of Albion passed away Saturday, Sept 9, 2006 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, IN.

She was born the daughter of John Thomas and Elizabeth M. (Sheenham) O'Gorman on April 24, 1924 in New York City, NY. Both parents preceded her in death.

Mrs. Stephens was married to Russel Thurmond Stepehns on April 1, 1943 in San Diego, CA. Mr. Stephens survives in Avilla.

She was a homemaker and has lived in the area since coming from Great Lakes, IL in 1972.

She held memberships at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albion; Navy Wives Club where she served as president. Raising her family was very important to her.

Surviving were three sons, Lawrence E. (Barbara) Stephens of Troy, OH, Russell (Teresa) Stephens and Jonathon Paul Stephens both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Liza (Robert) Breno of Tarriffville, Conn., and Jill (Larry) Davidson of Highland Park, IL; 10 Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by serval brothers and sisters.

Services will be held at a later date at Brazzell Funeral Home of Albion.

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Isabelle Greenwalt

ASHLEY — Isabelle J. Greenwalt, 88, of Ashley died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, in Kendallville.

Mrs. Greenwalt

Mrs. Greenwalt had lived most of her life at Big Long Lake and was the former owner of the Yankee Trailer Park on Big Long Lake.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW and a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born Jan. 18, 1918, in Archbold, Ohio, to Frank and Ada Rupp. She married James R. Greenwalt on Sept. 6, 1947, in Fort Wayne. He died Aug. 15, 1980.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathleen Greenwalt of South Bend; and a son, Harry Greenwalt of Ashley.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Larry Greenwalt on April 14, 1992.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Bruce DeLucenay of Son Light Community Church in Angola officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Vicki Hodge

LAGRANGE — Vicki Jo Brower Hodge, 58, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Hodge

Mrs. Hodge had moved to LaGrange County in 1995 from Wisconsin.

She was employed at ARC Workshop in LaGrange.

She was born Aug. 11, 1948, in Warsaw to Bill and Evelyn (Salman) Brower. She married Dennis Hodge on July 17, 2004, in Woodruff. He survives.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Carman and Dale Danner of Leesburg; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Chris and Barbara Brower of Topeka and Kent and Sandy Brower of Mansfield, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church with the Rev. Brad Garrett and the Rev. Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Mock Cemetery in North Webster.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or ARC Opportunities Inc.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Robert Doyle

MIDDLEBURY — Robert Edward Doyle, 49, of Middlebury died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, at Elkhart General Hospital following a nine-month battle with cancer.

Mr. Doyle had lived in Middlebury since 2002.

He had been a truck driver for 27 years and had worked at Robert Weed Plywood in Bristol since 1998.

Mr. Doyle was a U.S. Army veteran and served during the Vietnam War era.

He loved to fish.

He was born Aug. 6, 1957, in Flint, Mich., to Robert and Carol (Gordte) Doyle. He married Vickie S. Merritt on July 17, 1976, in McCutchenville, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Robert and Juanita Doyle of Lapeer, Mich.; a daughter, Rachelle Doyle of Middlebury; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Cathy Doyle and Robert Doyle, all of Middlebury; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sherry and Jeff McFadden of Merrill, Mich., and Pat and Larry Keckler of Centreville, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Sue Doyle of Three Rivers, Mich.; three stepbrothers, Joe Garetner of Bay City, Mich., Ed and Angie Garetner of Saginaw, Mich., and Tim Garetner of Madison, Wis.; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and two stepmothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Donald Chesher of Faith Baptist Church in Middlebury officiating.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to United Cancer Services of Elkhart County.

Condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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Patricia Croy

AVILLA — Patricia Croy, 76, of Avilla died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Croy

Mrs. Croy was a homemaker and had been clerk for the Avilla Town Court, serving with Judge Davenport. She had also served as a teacher's aide at Avilla Middle School.

She was a 1948 graduate of Avilla High School and member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla.

She was born in Swan Township, Noble County, to Fred and Hazel (Graber) Crothers. She married Irvin William Croy on Sept. 25, 1953, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Joni Jenkins of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jim and Doris Croy, Jeff and Cathy Croy and John and Brenda Croy, all of Kendallville; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Jane Brand and Martha Ringler, both of Kendallville, and Cleo and Robert Mark of Avilla; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kara Croy in 2005; a grandson, Douglas Oesch in 1987; a son-in-law, Bill Oesch in 1996; a brother, Clifford Crothers; and her parents.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King and Pastor Larry Smith officiating.

Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery in Avilla. Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Chad LaCross, Steven Oesch, Joshua Croy, Andrew Croy, Branden Croy and Evan Croy.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church and Parkview Noble Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

William Frey

AVILLA — William F. "Bill" Frey, 78, of Avilla died at 3:55 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, at Provena Sacred Heart Home where he had been a resident for the past 4 1/2 years.

Mr. Frey

Mr. Frey had spent most of his adult life in Corunna and had been reared on the family farm in LaGrange County.

He had retired in 1991 from Dana after 31 years of machine work.

Mr. Frey was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the United Auto Workers.

He was an avid fisherman and bowler.

He was born June 3, 1928, in LaGrange County to Marshall and Margaret (Hoses) Frank. He married Laura Ellis on Oct. 13, 1956, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Cherie and Jeff Murphy of Corunna and Denise and Kevin Grant of South Whitley; three sisters, MaryAnn Thompson of Athens, Texas, Waneta Riner of Tampa, Fla., and Pat Coney of LaGrange; three brothers, Hank Frey of Columbia City, Jim Frey of Kendallville and Bob Frey of Howe; and a granddaughter, Timi Grant.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cindy Frey; and two sisters, Pauline Shumaker and Donna Belle Frey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1901 E. Dowling St., Kendallville, with Jeffery Murphy officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Jack Gibson

AVILLA — Jack Gibson, 55, of Avilla died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Mabel Tharp

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Mabel Lucille Tharp, 92, of Grants Pass, Ore., died Friday, Sept. 15, 2006, at Fairview Transitional Health Care in Grants Pass.

Mrs. Tharp moved to Grants Pass from Huntington in 1996. Her hobbies included gardening, reading and sewing.

She was born Nov. 11, 1913, in Lewis, Ind., to James and Mary Brown.

She married Von Tharp in 1933. They moved to Auburn in 1955. He died in 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Norma Hoover of Grants Pass, Ore.; two sons, Bud Tharp of Roaming Shores, Ohio, and Donald Tharp of Grand Rapids, Mich.; three sisters, Elizabeth Gunsallus of Muncie, Louise Beard of Middlebury and Mildred Lake of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling local arrangements.

Robert Poorman

HOWE — Robert L. Poorman, 69, of Howe died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006.

Mr. Poorman retired from the U.S. Army in 1974 after 20 years of service. He was a former tactical officer at Howe Military School.

He served during the occupation of Germany, with three tours in Germany, one in Alaska and one in Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Mr. Poorman had been a lay preacher at a Baptist church in Florida and worked in property management. He was a licensed health and life insurance salesman.

He had been vice president in the service department at Coachmen and formerly owned Poorman's Mobilehome & RV Service.

He was born July 28, 1937, in Sturgis, Mich., to Ertis and Clara (Reading) Poorman. He married Judy Beck on April 26, 1958, in Waukegan, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Jr. and Denise Poorman and David Poorman, all of Palmdale, Calif.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Mark Suever of Coloma, Mich., and Heidi and Curtis Weishaupt of Myakka City, Fla.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Marie Bloom, Judith Gross and Edith and Lester Harter, all of Sturgis, Mich.; a brother, William Poorman of Sturgis, Mich.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Betty Lego and Violet Persing.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Wade Studivant officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery in Sturgis, Mich.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

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Martin Zulch

EDON, Ohio — Martin L. Zulch, 62, of Edon, Ohio, died at 6:25 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, at home after an illness of two months.

Mr. Zulch was an automotive mechanic and worked for Moore's Garage in Columbia, Ohio, from 1969 to 1992 when he took over operation of the business. He had formerly served as a township trustee in Northwest Township, Ohio, with 12 years of service. He was a 1961 graduate of Edon High School.

He was born Nov. 10, 1943, near Montpelier, Ohio to Lowell and Ruth Luella (Fifer) Zulch. He married Dianne S. Hickman on June 8, 1963, in Angola, and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Mike Fraley, of Montpelier; a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Gena Zulch, of Edon; six grandchildren, Krista, Kara, Tyler, and Evan Fraley and Mitchell and Adam Zulch; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Carolyn and Martell Burrell of Alderson, W.V., Helen and Kenneth Bell of Stryker, Ohio and Martha Dixon of Richmond.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Marshall Zulch.

Services will be Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, with the Rev. Steve Hoffman officiating. Calling will be Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Billingstown Cemetery near Columbia.

Memorials are to Hospice Care of Williams and Fulton Counties or to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Condolences are to www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about memorial donations.*

Eva Cobb

SPENCERVILLE — Eva May Cobb, 83, died Tuesday morning, Sept. 19, 2006, at her daughter's home in Butler.

Mrs. Cobb retired from Rieke Corp. and also owned and operated God's Farm in Spencerville. She was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

She was born Jan. 21, 1923, in Detroit, Mich., to William and Nellie (Smith) Brackney. They preceded her in death.

She married Darwin E. Cobb Sr. on Aug. 1, 1940, in Bryan, Ohio. He died July 15, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara and Earl Goldsmith of Butler, Josephine and Ron Dicke of Auburn and Dorothy Wolfe of Fort Wayne; a son and his companion, Darwin Cobb Jr. and Dawn Mason of Auburn; 24 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren; two brothers, George Brackney of Garden City, Mich., and Robert Brackney of Dearborn, Mich.; and a sister, Joyce Martin of Detroit.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Harold, Fred, Allen, Joe and Bon, and two sisters, Ann Brackney and Helen Dull.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at God's Farm, 6689 C.R. 55, Spencerville, with Pastor Bill Haworth officiating.

Memorials are to three charities: American Cancer Society-DeKalb County Unit, P.O. Box 722, Auburn, IN 46706; DeKalb Memorial Hospice, 221 N. Main St., Suite 108, Auburn IN 46706; and DeKalb Animal Shelter, 5221 U.S. 6, Butler, IN 46721.

Arrangements are by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, 6992 S.R. 1, Spencerville.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
September 21, 2006, Thursday

John Treece

CROMWELL — John B. Treece, 39, of Cromwell died at 6:53 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Treece had worked at Rinker Boat and Trailer factories before going on disability.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Cromwell.

He was born Oct. 7, 1966, in LaGrange to John A. and Rose (Courtney) Treece. His father is deceased and his mother, Rose Blake, survives in LaGrange. He married Debra Allen on June 18, 2005, in Syracuse. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Lee Treece of Topeka; a daughter, Rebecca Treece of Topeka; two sisters, Cindy Treece of LaGrange and Buffie Stahl of Kendallville; two brothers, Rory Treece and Joe Treece, both of LaGrange; a niece and a nephew.

Services were. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial was in Keightley Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Nicholas Taulbee

KENDALLVILLE — Nicholas J. Quesenberry Taulbee was stillborn Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, at Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis to David Taulbee and Jessica Quesenberry.

Also surviving are three sisters, Taiylor Taulbee, Jordan Taulbee and Ashley Taulbee; paternal grandparents, Scott and Tamara Miller of Kendallville; maternal grandmother, Judy Whitmer of Avilla; maternal grandfather, Joseph Quesenberry of Avilla; paternal great-grandparents, Worley and Alma Gibson of Kendallville; maternal great-grandmother, Delores Combs of Erlanger, Ky.; and several aunts and uncles.

Graveside services were held last week at Sweet Cemetery near Albion with the Rev. Larry Anglemyer officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Betty Berra

LIGONIER — Betty L. Berra, 81, of Ligonier died at 2:22 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She lived most of her life in the Ligonier area, and also resided in the Phoenix, Ariz., area. She worked as a service manager.

Mrs. Berra was a member of the Ligonier Eagles Auxiliary, several bowling leagues and enjoyed playing golf. She made a hole-in-one.

On June 22, 1925, in Madison, S.D., she was born to Maxwell and Edna (Stroop) Emery.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ridgely "Butch" and Terri Ritter of Syracuse; a daughter, Wendy Ritter of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Tammy Wolfe and her spouse, George, Ridgely Ritter Jr., Trevor Ritter, Brandi Ritter and Tyler Ritter; and 10 great-grandchildren.

One grandson and one great-grandson preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, with Larry Baker officiating.

Calling was Sunday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

ADVANCE-LEADER
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Gerald Haggard

LIGONIER — Gerald "Jerry" Haggard, 70, of Ligonier died at 5:55 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Haggard had been a truck driver for Kidd's Marshmallows for more than 35 years. He had lived in the Ligonier area since 1982. Prior to that he had lived in Anderson and in Kentucky.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Haggard was a member of Edon Worship Center in Honeyville.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was born Nov. 9, 1935, in Winchester, Ky., to Leamon Burton and Mossie Lee (Hackworth) Haggard. They are deceased. He married Ruth Ann Taylor on June 15, 1990, in Cromwell. She survives.

Also surviving are seven daughters and four sons-in-law, Vickie Haggard and her boyfriend Mark Cook, Christina and Shane Barclay, Annette Haggard, Kim and Gene Pfefferle, Tracy and Hillis Shepherd, Vonzeal Sanford and her boyfriend Barry Fullford, and Kerston and Jonas Miller; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Danny and Beth Haggard, Greg Haggard, Brad and Lori Sanford and Carl and Tonya Sanford; sisters, Linda Black, Debbie Haggard and Thelma Gerkens, all of Lexington, Ky.

Surviving grandchildren are Matthew Wools, Nathan Addison, Sylias Haggard, Vince Johnson, Josh Haggard, Sterling Barclay, Adam Sanford, Derek Sanford, Cody Sanford, Brandon Sanford, Harry Zimmerman, Josh Pfefferle, Austin Shepherd, George Sanford, Wesley Sanford, Micah Miller, Kylie Mclaren, Traci Sparkman, Amber Shepherd, Amanda Hayman, Thelma Williams, Annie Hall, Santana Sanford and Gloria Miller; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, James, Robert and David Haggard; and two sisters, Virginia Clark and Nellie Babcock.

Services were held Friday at Edon Worship Center with Pastor Harold Gingerich officiating.

J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

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Jack Gibson

AVILLA — Jack Lee Gibson, 55, of Avilla died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006, at his home.

Gibson

Mr. Gibson owned and operated APEX Bio Tech Services Inc. in Denver, Colo., from 1994 to 2004.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1971 to 1981 and was a Vietnam War veteran. He received the National Defense Service medal, three Bronze Stars, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

Mr. Gibson received a degree in electronics from Regis University in Denver and a teaching certificate at Fort Sam Houston in Texas.

He was a member of VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Mr. Gibson loved birdwatching, snow and water skiing, white water rafting, cooking, traveling and was the proud owner of two late-model, red Camaros.

He was born Sept. 18, 1951, in Garrett, Ky., to Brance and Betty (Handshoe) Gibson. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sons, Adam Gibson of Louisiana and Joseph Gibson of Denver; four sisters and their spouses, Madeline and Donald Burns of Altamont Springs, Fla., Millie Pierson and Linda and Kyle Towers, all of Avilla, and Carol Gibson of Kendallville; five brothers and their spouses, Benton Gibson of Kentucky, Bill and Pat Gibson of Hamilton, Jerry and Valetta Gibson and Jeff and Jodi Gibson, all of Kendallville, and Brance Jr. and Sue Gibson of Auburn; and three grandchildren, Madeline Gibson, Celine Gibson and Adam Gibson Jr.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, James, on Dec. 9, 1967.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Scattering of his ashes will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary Hoemig

FORT WAYNE — Mary Louise "Lou" (Kirkwood) Hoemig 70, died Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006.

Mrs. Hoemig had retired in 1999 as an executive administrative assistant from Superior Essex with 31 years of service. She directed the Achduth Vesholom Nursery School for five years.

She was a member of The Chapel, and active in Tri Kappa, Yarnell, Fort Wayne Art League, Fort Wayne Civic Society, Orchard Ridge Country Club and the Fort Wayne Duplicate Bridge Center.

Mrs. Hoemig will be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with her family, traveling and gardening. She was an avid and accomplished bridge player.

She was born Oct. 8, 1935, to George and Kathryn Kirkwood of Kendallville. She and her husband, Jerry, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Chicago with their family in 2005.

Surviving with her husband, Gene "Jerry" Hoemig, are daughters Karen Moussou and Lynn Doak and four grandchildren, Ellen, Gabriel, Morgan and Rachel.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Kenneth Kirkwood of Virginia Beach, Va.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road, with Pastor Rick Hawks officiating.

Calling will be 2 to 6 p. m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road.

Memorials are to the Lou Hoemig Memorial Fund, benefiting the Child Advocacy Center and SCAN.

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Derril Hefty

AUBURN — Derril L. Hefty, 83, of Auburn died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mr. Hefty retired in 1957 after working 35 years at Warner Gear in Auburn.

He served as a corporal with the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II. He was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church.

He was born Jan. 3, 1923, in Hicksville, Ohio, to Earl and Ethel (Stone) Hefty. They preceded him in death.

On April 6, 1946, he married Elizabeth Jenkins in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary L. and Chris Hefty of Auburn and James E. Hefty of Ashburn, Va.; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara J. and Bruce Barhydt of Auburn; a brother, Robert E. Hefty of Cape Cod, Mass.; three sisters, Doris Bloomberg of Altha, Fla., Marie Rufner of Napoleon, Mich., and Frances Verden of Orlando, Fla.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Todd Barhydt and his wife, Wendy, Cheryl Peck and her husband, Rob, Tyler Barhydt and his wife, Julie, Pat Hefty and his wife, Sarah, Ben Hefty, Christopher Hefty and Lauran Hefty; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Clark Veltkamp officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Alliance Church or the American Diabetes Association.

Boyd Lockard

BUTLER — Boyd Lockard 77, of Butler, died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at his daughter's home in Angola.

Mr. Lockard was a welder at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler, retiring after 31 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War.

He was born Sept. 20, 1928, in Jackson, Ky., to Leonard and Malvery (Moore) Lockard. They preceded him in death.

He married Ethel Caudill on April 18, 1953, in Jackson, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Wesley and Pam Lockard of Butler and Louis Lockard of Gulfport, Miss.; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Mark Duke of Angola; a son-in-law, Gary Parrish of Fort Wayne; and six grandchildren, Randy Lockard and his wife, Brekan, Stacey Parrish, Denise Duke, Mike Duke, Riyan Lockard and Stacey Haverstock; and many brothers and sisters.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Parrish.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Robert Alexander

GULF SHORES, Ala. — Coldwater, Mich., native Robert Nordstrom Alexander, 78, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, at a Pensacola, Fla., hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Alexander was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a chemical engineer, and had worked for Parke-Davis International. He helped build pharmaceutical plants in Spain, Wales and Puerto Rico. He also helped to build many facilities in the United States, including SPL in Waunakee, Wis., (the largest producer of Heparin). The last plant he helped to build was in Lancaster, Calif.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, former Angola resident Lorna Waite Alexander; five children and their spouses, Lauren and Michael Frampton of Belton, Texas, Bobbie and Cliff Matousek of Clarkston, Wash., Dr. Andrew and Abby Alexander of Vernon, Wis., Julie and Ron Isola of Verona, Wis., and Steven and Marla Alexander of Waunakee; a brother, Benson Alexander of St. Marys, Ohio; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date in Waunakee.

Memorials are to First Presbyterian Church, 5763 C.R. Q, Waunakee, WI 53597, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

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L. Wayne Winebrenner

ALBION — L. Wayne Winebrenner, 57, of Albion died at 6:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at the University of Chicago Hospital, Chicago.

He was a life-long resident of Albion and had been ill for over 10 years.

He was a Vietnam veteran, earning two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star, and was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion. He enjoyed softball and NASCAR racing on TV.

Mr. Winebrenner was born Jan. 27, 1949, in Kendallville to William and Lou (Miller) Winebrenner. His mother survives in Akron, Ohio, and his father is deceased.

He married Donna Shumaker on June 13, 1970. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Tony Winebrenner; one granddaughter; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Gwen and Steve Cales and Paula Welch, all of Orange, Texas, and Emma and John Wall of Tri-Lakes.

He was also preceded in death by one daughter, Amy Winebrenner, in 1992.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, 209 E. Main St., Albion, with Pastor Bob Shriner officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery, Albion. Military graveside honors by American Legion Post 246 of Albion.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral chapel in Albion.

Memorials are to Four County Transitional Living, 227 1/2 W. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

Ronald Fulford

WAWAKA — Ronald D. Fulford, 69, of Wawaka died at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital's Critical Care Unit in Kendallville. He had been declining in health since April.

He had resided in the Wawaka area all of his life.

Mr. Fulford was employed at Kraft Foods in Kendallville as a machine operator and retired in 1987 after 21 years of service. He was also employed at McCray Refrigeration Co. in Kendallville for 15 years prior to working at Kraft Foods.

He was a member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge and the Syracuse Eagles lodge.

He enjoyed watching baseball, especially the Red Sox, playing euchre and searching on the Internet.

He was born on April 9, 1937, in Nappanee to Joseph F. and Lillian P. (Bowman) Fulford. They preceded him in death.

He married Shirley Bohnenberger on May 7, 1971, in Albion. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are one brother, Wayne Fulford of Wawaka; one nephew, Joseph Fulford, and two nieces, Tracey Bordner and Jennie Parsley.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be at Cosperville Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home in Ligonier..

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct errors.*

Boyd Lockard

BUTLER — Boyd Lockard, 78, of Butler died Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at his daughter's home in Angola.

Mr. Lockard was a welder at Universal Tool and Stamping in Butler, retiring after 31 years of service. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Korean War.

He was born Sept. 20, 1928, in Jackson, Ky., to Leonard and Malvery (Moore) Lockard. They preceded him in death.

He married Ethel Caudill on April 18, 1953, in Jackson, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Wesley and Pam Lockard of Butler and Louis Lockard of Gulfport, Miss.; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Mark Duke of Angola; a son-in-law, Gary Parrish of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren, Randy Lockard and his wife, Brekan, Stacey Parrish, Denise Duke, Mike Duke, Riyan Lockard, Christopher Lockard and Stacey Haverstock; and many brothers and sisters.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Parrish.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Wayne Kimmel

AUBURN — Wayne E. Kimmel, 75, of Auburn, died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Kimmel worked at Ball Brass and Aluminum Foundry. He enjoyed farming and was a lifelong farmer. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

He was born Sept. 11, 1931, in Allen County to Clifford O. and Charlottie G. (Reed) Kimmel. They preceded him in death.

He married Hazleann Holmes on May 23, 1953, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael W. and Shelley Kimmel of Pleasant Lake and Larry L. and Debra Kimmel of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Marjorie A. and Russell Emerick of Auburn; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Clifford L. and Maxine Kimmel of Hicksville, Ohio, Carl W. and Joan Kimmel of Butler and David L. and Mary Rose Kimmel of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Glenda J. and Jim Eck of Butler; six grandchildren, Anne Marie Chaney, Julie L. Kimmel, Wayne E. Kimmel II, Christopher R.L. Emerick, Bryan L. Kimmel and Melissa A. Jones; and nine great-grandchildren, Jarrod M. Chaney, David A. Chaney, Jessica A. Chaney, Trenten M. Emerick, Mara R. Emerick, Emily E. Jones, Kaelee Jones, Zachary Jones and Maelee M. Kimmel.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert H. Kimmel and Richard Kimmel, and a sister, Esther Myers.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Babasino Fernandez officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Monday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses at the church or to Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

Mary Christner

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary Christner, 46, of Shipshewana died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Carol Strawser

KENDALLVILLE — Carol Strawser, 80, of Kendallville died Friday afternoon, Sept. 22, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Morris Manth

CHURUBUSCO — Morris L. "Morrie" Manth, 67, of rural Churubusco died at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at his residence with his family by his side. He had been in declining health since August.

Mr. Manth

Mr. Manth was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 4, 1939, to Herbert W. and Mary E. "Betty" (Morris) Manth.

He moved to Blue Lake near Churubusco as a child with his parents. He spent his formative years there and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1957.

A life-long resident of the Blue Lake area, he was employed for 31 years as a machine operator at Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1997.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Vince Simmers of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick L. and LeAnn Manth of LaOtto, and Shane M. and Tracie Manth of rural Albion; and five grandchildren, Danyel Simmers, Austin Manth, Chace Manth, Kaden Manth, and Darian Manth.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1983 and by his mother in 2005.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Lane Burgland, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Columbia City.

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Traditions vital in Spangle family

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Gloria and Max Spangle

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ANGOLA — Max Spangle was a man who wanted to instill a sense of tradition and patriotism in his family.

"Christmas Eve was not just Christmas Eve in our family; it was also Mom and Dad's anniversary," said Max and Gloria Spangle's daughter, Deb Smathers. "Of course, everything is closed in the evening, so we'd always have to get together in the afternoon, and we always went out to eat. We'd go to Azar's or the old Townhouse, one year we even went to a pizza place."

Last year Max and Gloria celebrated their 65th and what would turn out to be their last anniversary. After a battle with prostate cancer that lasted for three decades, Max passed away on Sept. 5. But the traditions will live on in the Spangle family.

"Birthdays we were always together," Deb said.

Max was a veteran of World War II, and patriotism was something he took very seriously and wanted to teach his children and grandchildren about.

"Every July 4, there we'd be, four generations of us in our flag shirts," Deb said. "Dad instilled in us and those little ones that the flag wasn't just a decoration; that you stood up when it went by."

Another Spangle tradition was a family vacation each summer when Deb and Jim were growing up.

"Dad loved to travel," Deb said. "We hit most of the United States."

Max and Gloria's generosity went beyond their own family. Max worked as the maintenance supervisor at the Steuben County Courthouse for several years, and he and his wife would always make sure the people he worked with were properly taken care of.

"When people had to work holidays, they'd make a big pot of chili and take it in to feed everyone," Deb said.

Deb, the oldest of the two Spangle children, said she and her brother "had a wonderful childhood."

"We were blessed," she said. "Our parents always made sure that our home was open for all our friends. In fact, after Dad passed away, I got a sympathy note saying how much fun it had always been to come to our house."

All marriages and families have their ups and downs, and although Deb and Jim were sure theirs did, too, neither could recall a time when they were aware of any friction in the Spangle household.

"I'm sure there were times when things were bad, but growing up I never knew and I know my brother didn't, either," Deb said.

"I never saw Mom and Dad have a fight. More of my friends have said to me, 'If I could only have a marriage like that.' "

Jim agreed that his parents were inspiring. "I've never seen anybody who loved and respected his wife like my dad did," he said. "And they were together a long time. I think they started dating when my mother was 16. You just don't see what they had a lot anymore. That's sad."

Jim also remembered his father as "an excellent provider."

"We were always taken care of, my sister, my mother and I," he said.

Deb and Jim both said their father reveled in his role as a father and great-grandfather. All his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even some of their friends called Max "Bumpie."

"He was very involved with the grandchildren and the great-grandchildren," Deb said.

Max's involvement with the grandchildren didn't end when they weren't babies anymore.

"When the kids got ready to go to school, he'd slip them money," Deb said. "He never wanted to go without."

One of Max and Gloria's granddaughters lives just down the road from their house in Reddington Heights, and the couple would regularly stop in to see her and her 2-year-old twins.

"They just wanted to play with the twins and talk to them, even if it was just for a few minutes," Deb said. "Dad really loved them and wanted them to know who he was."

Jim agreed that Max's family was his No. 1 priority.

"He was always very positive. He always had time; always had a smile on his face and was just a great father and grandfather," he said. "There was nobody more important in his life than his family."

Deb and Jim both remembered their father as "a people watcher."

"There use to be benches in front of the (Steuben County) courthouse in Angola, and on Saturday nights we'd sit and watch people," Deb said.

As he got older, Deb said, her father still wanted to be around people all the time, and relished any car trip — even if it was only to the store.

"And Dad was always early, never late," Deb said. "I mean real early. If he was going to pick you up at 11, you'd better be ready by 10:30."

Max was originally diagnosed with cancer in 1976. It was controlled for many years, but Deb said it flared up badly in the last few years, and her father finally succumbed.

"The doctor said to Dad a month before he died, 'Boy, Max, you've been some kind of statistic,'" she said.

"In so many ways, he was so very lucky."

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Carol Strawser

KENDALLVILLE — Carol Jean Strawser, 80, died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Strawser was born Sept. 10, 1926, in Kendallville to George S. and Wilma H. (Uhl) Faux.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1944 and married Forrest Owen Strawser on Oct. 21, 1945, in Kendallville. Mr. Strawser preceded her in death on May 22, 2003.

Her first devotion was to loving her husband and family. She was employed with Strawser Brothers Construction as a bookkeeper and accountant from 1950 to 1993.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Maynard and Marilyn Strawser of Coldwater, Mich., Robert and Jean Strawser of Auburn, Stephen and Teresa Strawser of Fort Wayne and Randall Strawser of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Lou Strawser, in 1946 and a brother, Maynard Faux, who died in World War II.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Pastor Dan White of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene will officiate. Her four sons will be casket bearers.

Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences may be sent at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary (Rustad) Christner

SHIPSHEWANA — Mary (Rustad) Christner, 46, of Shipshewana, died of natural causes Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at 9:47 a.m. in Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. Christner was a homemaker.

She was born Nov.3, 1959, at Devil's Lake, S.D., to Edward and Doris D (Galvin) Rustad. They survive.

She married Michael Christner on June 28, 1990, in Shipshewana. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Misty and Tim Andrews of Columbia City and Chesica and Chuck Cupp of Middlebury; two sons, Randy Rustad of Shipshewana and Myron Rustad of Sturgis, Mich.; seven grandchildren; three sisters, Vickie Ross of White Pigeon, Mich., and Valeria Hawkins and Cindy Hicks, both of Sturgis, Mich.; and one brother, Allen Rustad of Sturgis, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jim Rustad.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be in Keightley Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to carneyfrost@earthlink.net.

Kathleen Stephens

ALBION — Services for Kathleen C. Stephens will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion.

Calling will be Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Stephens, 82, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at 10:41 p.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Mrs. Stephens had been a homemaker.

She had moved to the northeast Indiana area in 1972 from Great Lakes, Ill.

She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

Mrs. Stephens had served as president of the Navy Wives Club and enjoyed raising her family.

She was born April 24, 1924, in New York City to John Thomas and Elizabeth (Sheenham) O'Gorman.

She married Russel Thurmond Stephens on April 1, 1943, in San Diego, Calif., and he survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lawrence E. and Barbara Stephens of Troy, Ohio, Russel and Teresa Stephens and Jonathan Paul Stephens, all of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Liza and Robert Breno of Tarriffville, Conn., and Jill and Larry Davidson of Highland Park, Ill.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Anita Carlson

MONGO — Anita L. Carlson, 71, of Mongo, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital. in LaGrange.

Service arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Joan Nugen

AUBURN — Joan M. Nugen, 79, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Nugen graduated from Harlan High School. She was a member of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Auburn.

She worked for the DeKalb County Central United School District as a cafeteria worker in DeKalb High School and all of the elementary schools in Auburn.

She was born Nov. 16, 1926, in Woodburn to Monald and Helen (Miller) Weicker. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert Nugen on Feb. 24, 1947, in Bloomington. He died Sept. 24, 1992.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Doyle Gerig of Holland, Mich., Debbie and Dan Hughes of Fort Wayne and Ann Seiss of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Michele Nugen of Columbus, Ohio; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Grant and Michelle Gerig, Todd and Tammy Gerig, JoEllen and Dave Strey, Matthew Gerig, Brad Hughes, Lauren Hughes, Kristin Seiss, Jacob Nugen and Emily Nugen; and four great-grandchildren, Addyson Gerig, Easton Gerig, Olivia Strey and Gillian Gerig.

She was preceded in death by a brother and his wife, Jack and Janet Weicker.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating.

Her son and grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Indiana University Medical Center for Breast Cancer Research.

Michael Lawson Jr.

KIMMELL — Michael Lawson Jr., 28, of Kimmell, died unexpectedly Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. at his home.

Service arrangements are pending at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Kathleen Stephens

ALBION — Services for Kathleen C. Stephens will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Mrs. Stephens, 82, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2006, at 10:41 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

Mrs. Stephens had been a homemaker.

She had moved to the northeast Indiana area in 1972 from Great Lakes, Ill.

She was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

Mrs. Stephens had served as president of the Navy Wives Club and enjoyed raising her family.

She was born April 24, 1924, in New York City to John Thomas and Elizabeth (Sheenham) O'Gorman.

She married Russel Thurmond Stephens on April 1, 1943, in San Diego, Calif., and he survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Lawrence E. and Barbara Stephens of Troy, Ohio, Russel and Teresa Stephens and Jonathan Paul Stephens, all of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Liza and Robert Breno of Tarriffville, Conn., and Jill and Larry Davidson of Highland Park, Ill.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Michael Lawson Jr.

KIMMELL — Michael A. Lawson Jr., 28, of Kimmell died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Lawson was a lifetime area resident.

He had worked in maintenance at Tenneco in Ligonier.

Mr. Lawson

Mr. Lawson was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed fishing.

He was born Feb. 2, 1978, in Columbia City to Michael Sr. and Vicky (Van Meter) Lawson. They survive in rural Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son, Dylan Lawson, at home; three daughters, Destiny, Desiree and Diamond Lawson, all at home; and a grandmother, Betty Lawson of Big Lake.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, David Lawson Sr. and Mel and Martha Ottenburg.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Joey Nelson of Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Anita Carlson

MONGO — Anita L. Carlson, 71, of Mongo died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

She was the former food service manager at Mercy Hospital in Janesville, Wis.

Mrs. Carlson had moved to LaGrange County in 2005 and was a member of the Red Hat Society.

She was born June 3, 1935, in DeKalb, Ill., to Hubert and Wilma (Sitter) Troutman.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark Carlson of Mongo, and Kent Carlson and Gregg and Patricia Carlson, all of Janesville, Wis.; two sisters, Donna Freeland of Stockton, Ill., and Barb Kraeunas of Crystal Lake, Ill.: a brother, Tom Troutman of Triumph, Ill.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

There will be no local services, however there will be services in Illinois at a later date.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences are to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Florin Knox

AUBURN — Florin H. Knox, 88, of Auburn died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Knox was a retired Franklin Township farmer. He served as a director and agent for DeKalb County Farmers Mutual and as president and director for DeKalb County Co-op. He was a member of DeKalb County Farm Bureau and Auburn First United Methodist Church and was a former member of Jerusalem United Methodist Church, Butler.

He was born April 10, 1918, in Noble County to Hollis and Gail (Hamilton) Knox.

He married Donna June Platt on March 19, 1941, at her parents' home north of Butler. She survives in Auburn.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Patrula and Dennis Newhard of Auburn and Julie Bunch of Auburn; three grandchildren, Marni Boyd of Wake Forest, N.C., and her husband, Bil, Tyler Bunch of Naples, Fla., and Travis Bunch of Indianapolis; two stepgrandchildren, Todd Newhard of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Tami Ruble of Fort Wayne and her husband, Trent; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Taylor and Aaron Ruble; a brother and sister-in-law, Glen and Barb Knox of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Onalee and Raymond Moughler of Waterloo; and a sister-in-law, Gailanna Knox of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Billy, and two sisters, Majel Moughler and Coralie Holman.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home of Butler. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

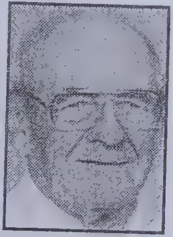
Calling will be Wednesday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Vincent Albright

KENDALLVILLE — Vincent D. Albright, 80, of Kendallville died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at Veterans Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Albright

Mr. Albright was born Sept. 2, 1926, in Portland, Ore., to Vincent D. Albright Sr. and Edith Grace (Brittian) Albright.

He worked for Dana Corp. in Auburn, then worked for the wastewater treatment plants in Kendallville and Waterloo for several years, retiring in 1990.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, the Auburn Moose Lodge and the Kendallville post of the American Legion.

He married Audry P. Reeder on June 19, 1944, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Robert Albright of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Sal Pellerito of Ocala, Fla., and Sandra Kay and William Grawbadger of Silver Springs, Fla.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Vivian Albright.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. G. Scott Pattison will officiate. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in rural Corunna with graveside military services by the Kendallville post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Nancy Welch

ALLEN, Mich. — Nancy Lou Welch, 61, of Allen, Mich., died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at home after a short battle with cancer.

Mrs. Welch was born Jan. 7, 1945, in Sherwood, Mich., to Horace and Maxine (Dowell) Norton. She married Versal Welch on Oct. 12, 1963, and he survives.

She grew up in the Bronson and Colon, Mich., areas, moving to Allen in 1969. She was a very talented artist and Native American craftsperson. She was a member of the Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Tom Butters of Pleasant Lake; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Sharon and Cal Marsh and Donna and Floyd Lothamer, all of Quincy, Mich., and Linda Griffin of Coldwater, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Jimmie Norton of Fort Payne, Ala.; two grandchildren, Travis and Nichole Nelson of Pleasant Lake; and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at noon Tuesday at George White Funeral Home, Quincy, with the Rev. Angel Rojas officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Echota Cherokee Tribe or a fund for Mrs. Welch's grandchildren's education.

Roger Conn

AUBURN — Roger D. Conn, 70, died Sept. 24, 2006, at St. John's West Shore Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Conn worked at Warner Gear and Auburn Gear for 13 years, then worked for Mossberg Industries for 10 years, retiring in 1999.

He served in the U.S. Army from June 4, 1958, to May 5, 1961.

He was born March 14, 1936, in Muncie to Charles G. and Bernice M. (Lewis) Conn.

Surviving are three sons, Danny L. Conn, Charles A. Conn and Alan Conn, all of Cleveland, Ohio; a brother, Jack O. Conn of Muncie; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Robert A. Conn.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Linda Korte

FORT WAYNE — Linda L. Korte of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006.

Mrs. Korte was retired after 35 years as a nurse. She was a member of Promise Lutheran Church and served on the board of directors of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Promise Ministries and Camp Lutherhaven. She was a member of LWML.

She loved participating in activities with her grandchilden.

She married Jack E. Korte on Aug. 21, 1965, in Crawfordsville. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Christa and Martin Koenemann of Grabill, Gretchen Korte of Dallas, Texas, and Ann Korte and Ron Dickerhoof of Fort Wayne; a son, Stephen Korte of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Molly and Mark Weaver and Suzanne and Dennis Sauer, all of Indianapolis; and six grandchildren, Bradley, Riley, Zachary and Alex Koenemann and Sydney and Gracie Korte.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee A. and Margaret P. (Skelton) Miller, and a brother, Donald J. Miller.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Promise Ministries, 7323 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne. The Rev. Randall L. Glander will officiate. Burial will be at Concordia Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-8 p.m. and Friday from 9-11 a.m. at Promise Ministries.

Memorials are to Promise Ministries, Camp Lutherhaven and the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville is handling arrangements.

Allen Haddix

EDGERTON, Ohio — Allen R. Haddix, 82, of Bluffton and formerly of Angola died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, at the Bluffton Regional Medical Center, where he was a patient.

Mr. Haddix

Mr. Haddix was a tool-and-die maker and engineer. He had worked for numerous companies including Garrett Flexible, Mold Service in Butler, Thermo-Electronics and the Redmond Company in Angola, and Indiana and Franklin Electric in Bluffton. He retired as owner of the Aldix Corp. in Edon, Ohio, in 1992.

He was born April 4, 1924, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Irwin G. and Theresia (Goebel) Haddix.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara Ann and Dan Woods, of Sacramento, Calif., and Julie Marie and Rodd Bunch, of Bluffton; two sons and daughters-in-law, James Allen and Becky Haddix of Angola and Jeffrey Lynn and Gail Haddix, of Snoqualmie, Wash., five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; five sisters, Sevilla Miller of Adrian, Mich., Corda Curtis of Angola, Elsie Stambaugh of Milton, Fla., Viola Keller of Edon, Ohio, and Grace Redmond, of Pace, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent and an online register may be signed at www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Louis Steinke

SOUTH YARMOUTH, R.I. — Louis R. Steinke, 68, of South Yarmouth, R.I., died Wednesday, May 31, 2006.

Mr. Steinke was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and moved to Angola when he was 14. He was an Angola High School graduate.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1957 and served for several years during the Vietnam War.

In 1962 he settled in Uncasville, Conn., where he served as deputy chief of the Mohegan Volunteer Fire Department. He worked for Connecticut Light and Power in Montville, Conn. and then moved up the ranks to CL&P Nuclear Power in Waterford, Conn. He then became a nuclear engineer, troubleshooting for Northeast Utilities in Baltic, Conn.

He retired in 1992 and moved in 1994 to Cape Cod, R.I., where he was a foreman for his son's landscaping company.

He loved model railroads and riding the Cape Cod railroad.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Pollyanna Zagorski and Kristina Marie and Josue Rivera, all of Baltic; three sons, Carl Steinke of Yarmouthport, R.I., Raymond John Steinke of Las Vegas and Vincent Edward Steinke of Oakdale, Conn.; two sisters, Carol Sturtz of Angola and Karin Caloros of Lansing, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services have been held.

He was married to Shirley Elaine Scee on 1960. She survives.

Richard Baade

FORT WAYNE — Richard W. Baade, 88, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Baade was born in Fort Wayne. He was the owner of Baade's Flowers for 36 years, retiring in 1971.

He was a member of Friars Club.

Surviving are two sons, Frank D. Baade of Angola and William "Billy" Baade of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanne and Robert Dietrich of Fort Wayne; and two granddaughters and grandsons-in-law, Lindsay and Brandon Wolf and Nikki and Ryan Shafer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis DeHaven Baade; and two brothers, Robert and A. Eugene Baade.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Aaron Blankenhorn officiating. Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Irena Runion

GARRETT — Irena A. Runion, 85, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at 3:55 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Runion

Mrs. Runion was a Garrett resident from 1945 until 2001. She worked in assembly at Messenger Corp. in Auburn for 20 years, retiring in March 1982.

She was a past president of the Garrett Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and a member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary and the Lady Elks. She attended the First Baptist Church, Garrett.

She was born March 22, 1921, in Waterloo to Dale E. and Julia B. (Richards) McIntosh. They preceded her in death.

On July 12, 1945, in Waterloo, she married Edward O. Runion. He died Aug. 9, 1982.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dale E. and Linda Runion of Fort Wayne; a sister, Raeburn (Gillespie) Noble of Crystal River, Fla.; two grandsons, Bryan Runion of Ocala, Fla. and Jeffrey Runion of Fort Wayne; two great-granddaughters, Jordan Runion of Ocala, Fla. and Grace Runion of Fort Wayne; and a great-grandson, Jackson Runion of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Arthur G. Ferry Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or DeKalb County Heart Fund.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Louie Mohr

AUBURN — Louie F. Mohr, 77, of Auburn died Friday, Sept. 22, 2006, at 5:40 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Mohr worked as a plumber with Plumbers Union 156, retiring in 1991. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He was a member of Leo Chapter 278 of the Order of Eastern Star and the local Plumbers and Steamfitters Union.

He was a pilot at Smith Field in Fort Wayne and a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. With Chapter 2 of the Young Eagles program, he flew more than 200 children.

He was born Aug. 5, 1929, in Wauseon, Ohio.

He married Mildred J. "Milly" Duncan on May 18, 1963. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Laura Yoder; a son, William Mohr; two brothers, Vern Mohr and Dan Mohr; two sisters, Barbara Muten and Marsha Nelson; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Hoosier Warbirds Museum on C.R. 62, Auburn. Pastor Vern Mohr will officiate.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the Shriners' Hospital, Crippled Children's Hospital or Burn Center.

Jay Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Jay Miller, 82, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Ruth Goodwin

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth L. Goodwin, 88, of Kendallville and formerly of South Bend died Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Goodwin was born May 26, 1918, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Grover and Stella (Smith) Foltz.

She married Clayton O. Goodwin on Jan. 1, 1939, in Lima, Ohio. He died on Sept. 16.

Surviving are a daughter, Jane Goodwin of Hawaii; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Kathy Goodwin of Kendallville and Paul and Kristina Goodwin of Santa Barbara, Calif.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Gyneth Bibler; and six brothers, Fred, Ross, Howard, Pete, Ben and Dana Foltz.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m.. Friday at Welsheimer Family Funeral Home North, 17033 Cleveland Road, South Bend. Inurnment will be in Saint Joseph Valley Memorial Park.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to welshf@yahoo.com.

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Roberta Keller

MONTICELLO — Roberta Madge Keller, 77, of Monticello died Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

Mrs. Keller was a lifetime Monticello resident and a 1947 graduate of Monticello High School. She was a lifetime member of the Monticello Christian Church.

She had worked in the lunch room at the Chalmers School for two years. She also had served as the jail matron when her husband, Earl, was the White County Sheriff from 1974 to 1982.

She enjoyed traveling and taking care of her family. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was born June 7, 1929, in Monticello to Kenneth E. “Barney’ Ireland and Mabel Kellenburger. They preceded her in death.

She married Earl E. Keller, formerly of Auburn, on Feb. 23, 1951, in Monticello, with the Rev. Robert Roth officiating. Her husband survives in Monticello.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sidone D. and Lane Inman and Earlene L. and Mike Cunegin, all of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Kurt O. and Kathy Keller of Chalmers; a sister, Nada Wiseman of Dayton, Ohio; four grandchildren and their spouses, Kurt T. Keller and his wife, Jennifer, of Fort Wayne, Lesli D. Kerfoot of Fort Wayne, Kurtina R. Minglin and her husband, Clint, of Monticello, and Jason L. Davis and his wife, LaKeisha, of Fort Wayne; 13 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Thelma Moyses

ANGOLA — Thelma B. Moyses died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at her home in Angola.

Mrs. Moyses worked at the General Motors plant in Lansing, Mich., for many years.

She was born in Branch County, Mich., to Roy and Carol (Morill) Sieger.

She married Harry Moyses on March 23, 1935. He preceded her in death on Jan. 27, 2004.

Surviving are a sister, Geneva German of Angola; two nephews, Tom German of Angola and Russell Moyses of Williamston, Mich.; and two nieces, Penny Bower of Angola and Barbara Moyer of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde Sieger.

Private services will be Thursday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Angola. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery of Angola.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Stuart Ireland and Charles Dean Ireland Sr., and a sister, Louise Sladeski.

Private family services will be conducted by Dr. Richard McQuinn. Burial will be in the IOOF Riverview Cemetery at Monticello.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Multiple Myeloma Association.

The Miller-Roscka Funeral Home, 6368 E. U.S. 24, Monticello, is handling arrangements.

Dean Needham

FORT WAYNE — Dean B. Needham, 84, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Needham had retired from Magnetek in Huntington as director of marketing.

A native of Kendallville, he and his sister received national recognition for being the first siblings to achieve Eagle Scout and Golden Eaglette status.

He was a graduate of North Side High School and received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Indiana University. As an alumnus, he served on the board of the Kelley School of Business and was a member of the IU Emeritus Club.

Mr. Needham was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the Scottish Rite.

He was born Jan. 16, 1922, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Jane; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas and Jane Needham of Fort Wayne and Mark and Anne Needham of Clermont, Fla.; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Dino Sarpa of Carmel; a sister, Ruth Rhinehart; seven grandchildren, Sarah Hamilton, Melissa Johnson, Alessandra Sarpa, Nicholas Sarpa, Christine Lyons, Sally Cuttitta and Alex Cuttitta; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Indiana Alzheimer’s Disease Center, 635 Barnhill Drive, Room A-142, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5150, attention Francine Epperson.

Klaehn, Fahl and Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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George Gillespie

PAOLA, Kan. — George M. Gillespie, Th.D., died Sept. 20, 2006, in Paola, Kan.

He was a minister of the Gospel for 65 years. Most of his pastoral charges were in the Church of the Nazarene. He spent his lifetime in the ministry and in his personal study of the Bible.

He was born in 1917 in Avilla to Eber and Valera Gillespie. The family soon moved to Auburn, where Eber Gillespie worked for the Auburn Automobile Co.

In 1936, he married Joyce Lucille Harding of Corunna. She survives.

In the late 1930s, he was asked by his denomination to organize a church in Angola. His first pastorate was in Arbor Vitae in northern Wisconsin. He also pastored churches in Eau Claire, Wis.; East Chicago, Ind.; and Union City, Ind.

In 1952, Dr. Gillespie entered full-time evangelism and took his wife and two sons on the road as a musical team. He represented the John A. Dickson Publishing Co.'s New Analytical Bible Study materials, and by 1959 he had become the general manager of that company, headquartered in Chicago.

In 1970, Indiana Christian University's Board of Regents elected him to be its new president. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 1987. He more than tripled the enrollment, dramatically raised the academic level of the faculty, and established an extension in Seoul, South Korea.

In retirement years he was in regular demand as a guest preacher in churches, especially in the Great Lakes region.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Joseph E. Gillespie of Paola, Kan., and James E. Gillespie of Indianapolis; his brothers and sisters, Phyllis Deal, June Bauer, John Gillespie, Paul Gillespie, Bud Gillespie, Clarence Gillespie, Marilyn Evans and Sandra Winebrenner; six grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Castleton Church of the Nazarene, 7848 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, and Sunday, Oct. 8, at 2 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church, 110 Peoria St., Paola, Kan.

Samuel Miller

LAGRANGE — Samuel J.R. Miller, 91, of LaGrange died at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Miller was a retired farmer and metal shop worker.

He was ordained as a minister in the Old Order Amish Church on May 2, 1964, and ordained as a bishop in the church on Oct. 16, 1971.

Mr. Miller was born May 2, 1915, in Elkhart County to Jacob and Katie (Miller) Miller. He married Mable Schlabach on Nov. 28, 1940, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Jacob and Edna Miller of LaGrange, Ora and Susie Miller of Dalton, Wis., and Alvin and Mary Miller of Middlebury; three daughters and sons-in-law, Katie and Alvin Yoder and Susie and Delbert Weaver, all of LaGrange, and Polly and Glenn Bontrager of Topeka; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Lloyd and Katie Miller and Rudy and Esther Miller, all of Middlebury; two sisters, Polly Miller of Middlebury and Ida Bontrager of Goshen; 49 grandchildren; 224 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two great-grandchildren; five brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Jacob S. Miller residence, 3630 W. C.R. 200S, LaGrange, with Bishop Mose Hershberger and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the Jacob Miller residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

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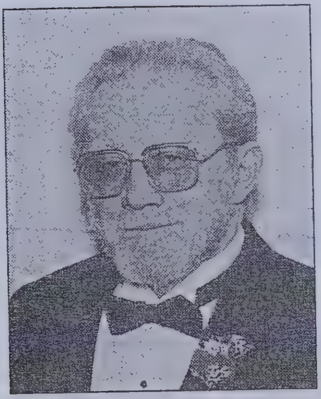

Morris L. "Morrie" Manth, 65

Morris L. "Morrie" Manth, 65 a resident of rural Churubusco, died at 4:15 p.m. September 21, 2006 at his residence with his family by his side. He had been in declining health since August.

Mr. Manth was born in Fort Wayne on August 4, 1939, a son of Herbert W. and Mary E. "Betty" (Morris) Manth, and moved to Blue Lake near Churubusco as a child with his parents. He spent his formative years there and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1957.

A lifelong resident of the Blue Lake area, he was employed for 31 years as a machine operator at Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne, retiring from there in 1997.

His surviving relatives include a daughter Vicki (Vince) Simmers of Churubusco; two sons Rick L. (LeAnn) Manth of LaOtto, and Shane M. (Tracie) Manth of rural Albion; and five grandchildren Danyel Simmers, Austin Manth, Chace Manth, Kaden Manth, and Darian Manth.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1983 and by his mother in 2005.

Funeral services were held September 25, 2006 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Rev. Lane Burgland, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church officiated.

Memorials may be directed to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, Columbia City.

Ronald D. Fulford, 69

Ronald D. Fulford, 69 died at Parkview Noble Hospital Critical Care Unit in Kendallville on September 21, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. He had been in declining health since April of this year.

Mr. Fulford was born in Nappanee, Indiana on April 9, 1937, the son of Joseph F. Fulford and Lillian P. Bowman. Both parents are deceased.

On May 7, 1971 he married Shirley Bohnenberger in Albion. She survives in Wawaka.

He worked at Kraft Foods in Kendallville as a machine operator and retired in 1987 after 21 years of service. Prior to working at Kraft's, Mr. Fulford also worked at McCray Refrigeration Company in Kendallville for 15 years.

He was a member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge and the Syracuse Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Fulford enjoyed watching baseball, especially the Red Sox, playing Euchre and searching on the internet.

Survirors include his wife, 1 brother: Wayne Fulford of Wawaka, 1 nephew, Joseph Fulford and 2 nieces: Tracey Bordner and Jennie Parsley.

Services were held September 25, 2006 at the J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Rev. John Lutton officiated. Burial took place at the Cospersville Cemetery.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
September 27, 2006, Wednesday

Michael A. Lawson, Jr., 28

KIMMELL - Michael A. Lawson Jr., 28, of Kimmell died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Lawson was a lifetime area resident.

He had worked in maintenance at Tenneco in Ligonier.

Mr. Lawson was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed fishing.

He was born Feb. 2, 1978, in Columbia City to Michael Sr. and Vicky (Van Meter) Lawson. They survive in rural Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son, Dylan Lawson, at home; three daughters, Destiny, Desiree and Diamond Lawson, all at home; and a grandmother, Betty Lawson of Big Lake.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, David Lawson Sr. and Mel and Martha Ottenburg.

Services were held September 27, 2006 at the J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Joey Nelson of Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier officiated. Burial took place in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Kathleen C. Stephens, 82

ALBION – Kathleen C. Stephens, 82 of Albion passed away Saturday, Sept 9, 2006 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, IN.

She was born the daughter of John Thomas and Elizabeth M. (Sheenham) O'Gorman on April 24, 1924 in New York City, NY. Both parents preceded her in death.

Mrs. Stephens was married to Russel Thurmond Stephens on April 1, 1943 in San Diego, CA. Mr. Stephens survives in Avilla.

She was a homemaker and has lived in the area since coming from Great Lakes, IL in 1972.

She held memberships at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albion; Navy Wives Club where she served as president. Raising her family was very important to her.

Surviving were three sons, Lawrence E. (Barbara) Stephens of Troy, OH, Russell (Teresa) Stephens and Jonathon Paul Stephens both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Liza (Robert) Breno of Tarriffville, Conn., and Jill (Larry) Davidson of Highland Park, IL; 10 Grandchildren and 2 Great Grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by serval brothers and sisters.

Services were held September 26, 2006 at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel.

L. Wayne Winebrenner, 57

L. Wayne Winebrenner, 57, died at 6:45 a.m. at the University of Chicago Hospital in Chicago Illinois. Mr. Winebrenner had been ill for over 10 years.

He was born January 27, 1949 in Kendallville, IN to William Winebrenner (deceased) and Lou (Miller) Winebrenner who still survives in Akron OH.

On June 13, 1979 he married Donna Shumaker who survives in Albion

He was a Vietnam Veteran earning 2 Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star and was a member of the American Legion Post 246 of Albion.

Mr. Winebrenner enjoyed softball and NASCAR racing on TV.

Survivors include his wife and mother, one son Tony Winebrenner, 1 Granddaughter; 3 sisters Gwen (Steve) Cales and Paula Welch of Orange, TX; Emma (John) Wall of Tri-Lakes, IN.

Preceding him in death was one daughter Amy Winebrenner in 1992.

Services were held at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel on September 25, 2006. Pastor Bob Shriner officiated. Burial took place at the Sweet Church Cemetery in Albion, IN with military graveside honors by the American Legion Post 246 of Albion.

Preferred memorials are to Four County Transitional Living, 227 1/2 W. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 28, 2006, Thursday

Larry Smith Sr.

AUBURN — Larry Smith Sr., 49, of Auburn died suddenly Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at his workplace in Fremont.

Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Gerald Potee

BRIMFIELD — Gerald W. Potee, 88, of Brimfield died at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Potee had lived in the area 55 years and had operated Potee's Market in Brimfield and had been a cabinetmaker in Ligonier.

He had served on the Noble County Council.

Mr. Potee was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Seabee construction corps.

He was a member of the Brimfield Lions Club and had recently received his 50-year membership pin.

He was also a member of the Rome City American Legion Post where he served as the post's first commander.

Mr. Potee enjoyed fishing, golf, IU basketball, the White Sox, woodworking, bowling and drinking coffee. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was born April 27, 1918, in Gary to Earl and Meta (Williams) Potee. He married Marceile Frick on June 24, 1939, in Brimfield. She died Nov. 8, 1995.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Myrna and Sam Arnold of Brimfield and Bonnie and Eugene Albert of Chesterton; a son, Bruce Potee of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Beverly Potee of Lakeland, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Alvin Potee; and a sister, Vera Tierney.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Brimfield United Methodist Church with Pastor Maureen Reiff Mauzy officiating. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church, Brimfield Lions Club or Orange Township Fire Department.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Myrth Fox

JACKSON, Calif. — Myrth Hilkey Pomeroy Fox, 99, died Sept. 11, 2006, in Jackson, Calif., where she had lived for the past two years.

She was born in DeKalb County to James and Ursula Hilkey on March 23, 1907. Later she was adopted by Ella Pomeroy.

She married Graydon Fox on May 24, 1948, and relocated to Florida.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and three brothers, Harold Hilkey, Trent Hilkey and Blaine Hilkey Pomeroy.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn, where a short public memorial service will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. at her graveside

Lenore Baird

LAGRANGE — Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Wolf Building in Shipshewana for Lenore K. Baird, 65, of rural LaGrange.

Mrs. Baird died at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

On Aug. 29, 1941, in Kalamazoo, Mich., she was born to Harold Carney and Bonnabelle Baker Grate Westphal. She married Paul M. Baird on June 25, 1961, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Dec. 8, 2000.

She was a homemaker and lived most of her life in LaGrange County.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Timothy Goins of LaGrange; five sons, Matthew R. Baird of Midland, Texas, Michael L. Baird of Cedar Springs, Mich., Mark A. Baird of Avilla, and Sean A. Baird and Aaron J. Baird, both of Angola; a brother, Earl Vining of Bozeman, Mont.; four sisters, Sally Hicks and Carol Henry, both of Kendallville, Barbara Mortimore of Wolcottville, and Christine Mills of Elkhart; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, two brothers, Harold and Daniel Westphal, preceded her in death.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

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Pearl Newman

KENDALLVILLE — Pearl Beatrice (Hewitt) Newman, 89, of Kendallville died at 8:05 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at Kendallville Manor where she had been a resident for the past five years.

Mrs. Newman was the co-owner and operator of Elmer's Bar in Kendallville from 1945 to 1973.

She had lived in Kendallville for the past 86 years.

Mrs. Newman was former member of the Women of the Moose, Elks Lodge and McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She had volunteered in the hospital gift shop.

She was born April 15, 1917, in Payne, Ohio, to JF and Jenny (Brown) Hewitt. She married Elmer Taft Newman on April 27, 1940, in Brimfield. He died in October 1961.

Surviving are a son and two daughters-in-law, Roger and Evelyn Newman of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka, and Patricia Newman of Rome City; a brother, Paul Hewitt of Kendallville; eight grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Richard Newman and Eugene Newman; a brother, Doyle Hewitt; and a sister, Maxine Gray.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Orland Miller

KENDALLVILLE — Orland "Jay" Miller, 82, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mr. Miller retired in 1985 after serving 35 years as a conductor with the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He was a 1943 graduate of Kendallville High School. Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Army and served during World War II from 1943-1945.

Mr. Miller was a member of VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville and American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

He was born April 5, 1924, in Brimfield to Arnol Wilbur and Ruth Agnes (Stewart) Miller. He married Marjorie Ann Probst on April 29, 1946, in Kendallville. She died March 5, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debra Kemerly and Jim Frye of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Sherrie Miller of Mound, Minn.; three grandchildren, Tory Kemerly, Joshua Miller and Derek Miller; and two great-grandchildren, Nate Kemerly and Sam Kemerly.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Arnold and Alvin Miller.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with members of VFW Post 2749 conducting military honors.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Esther Bennett

FORT WAYNE — Esther Jean Bennett, 55, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Bennett worked at Nucor Fasteners in St. Joe in quality control for 16 years and was a cashier at Wal-Mart for five years. She was a member of the American Legion Post 241 Auxiliary.

She was born May 8, 1951, in DeKalb County.

Surviving are her husband, Arvenus Bennett; a son and daughter-in-law, Merle Ray and Tasha Gerbers of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Elaine Davis of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Austin Nichols, Andrew Gerbers, Braden Gerbers and Kaylee Gerbers, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sharon Bowers of Waterloo; three brothers, Jeff Fogleson of Youngstown, Ohio, Mike Fogleson of Waterloo and Gary Fogleson of Sturgis, Mich.; and two stepgrandchildren, Aldrick Hughs of Fort Wayne and DeMarco Hughs of Chicago.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

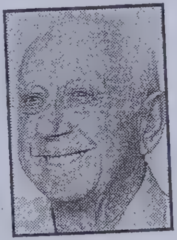
Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo or a charity of the donor's choice.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 28, 2006, Thursday

Thomas Arney

ROME CITY — Thomas G. Arney, 72, of Rome City died at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at his home.


Mr. Arney

Mr. Arney had been a forklift operator for the Kmart distribution plant in Fort Wayne for 36 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War and a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Mr. Arney had moved to Rome City in 1967 from Fort Wayne.

He enjoyed fishing with his great-grandsons and golfing with his family and friends. He enjoyed all aspects of lake life.

He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Mr. Arney was born Jan. 11, 1934, in Fort Wayne to Richard "Dick" and Pauline (Platt) Arney. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Huntertown. He married Margaret A. "Peg" Arney on Aug. 15, 1958, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tami and James "Buzz" Junk of Huntertown; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Judy Arney of Howe and Jack and Linda Arney of Huntertown; two granddaughters, Jennifer and JR Melcher and Crystal Junk, all of Huntertown; and two great-grandsons, Dylan Melcher and Ethan Melcher.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, with Father Matt Jozefiak of St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City officiating.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or St. Gaspar Catholic Church.

Condolence may be sent to youngfamilyfh@sbcglobal.net.

Caeden Hess

KENDALLVILLE — Caeden Jonathan Hess was stillborn Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne to Michelle Jean Kemery and Clint Danvan Hess Jr. of Butler.

Also surviving are his siblings, Taylor VanDyke and Logan Schiefelbein, both of Butler, Dominic Hess of Florida and Alex Mills of Ohio; his maternal grandparents, Rick and Val Kemery of Arizona; paternal grandparents, Phil and Peggy Puckett of Butler; and maternal great-grandmother, Sandra Deem of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Clint Hess in 1991.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Corunna Cemetery with the Rev. Earl Tackett officiating.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Karen Thompson

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — Karen Sylvia Thompson, 64, of Binghamton and formerly of Topeka died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006.

Mrs. Thompson had moved to Binghamton in 1961.

She was raised in Topeka and was a 1959 graduate of Topeka High School.

Mrs. Thompson operated a cleaning service. She loved gardening and animals

Mrs. Thompson was born Oct. 24, 1941, in Elkhart to Stanley and Thelma Roy. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Laurene Thompson-Schultze and her husband, Michael Schultze, of Binghamton; a sister and brother-in-law, Stana and Harry Castetter of Topeka; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews including Kit Castetter of Topeka and Cory Castetter of Kimmell.

Services were held Sept. 22 in Binghamton.

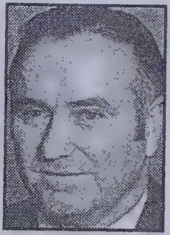
Memorials are to the Humane Society, 2 Jackson St., Binghamton, NY 13903.

Condolences may be sent online to demunn@stny.rr.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 28, 2006, Thursday

Robert Forrest, former DeKalb commissioner, dies

WATERLOO — Robert D. Forrest, 85, of rural Waterloo died Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.


Mr. Forrest

Mr. Forrest was a farmer and a carpenter. He was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ, where he was a past deacon and former Sunday school teacher. He was considered a great family man.

He served 16 years as a DeKalb County Commissioner from 1965 to 1981. He also served on the DeKalb County Drainage Board during that time.

He was one of the founding members of the DeKalb County Heart Association. He also was an avid bowler and loved to golf and fish.

He was born July 26, 1921, in Waterloo to William Earl and Myrtle (Curry) Forrest. They preceded him in death.

He married Naomi Eberly on July 11, 1942, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert M. and Vicki Forrest of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Fred McClish of Bluffton; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Jim Fisher of Winter Haven, Fla.; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Jon Forrest of Fort Wayne, Mike Forrest of Waterloo, Lisa and Tony Goodman of Auburn, Kelly Jernigan of Chicago, Jennie Forrest of Fort Wayne, Jeff and Nicole McClish of Ossian and Brian and Lisa McClish of Bluffton; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Lloyd, Orville, Clark, Don and Glenn Forrest, and four sisters, Edna Miller, LaVon Eyster, Viola Refner and Irene Sunday.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of Christ. Steve Evans will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church elevator fund or the Kidney Foundation.

ADVANCE-LEADER
Ligonier, IN
September 28, 2006, Thursday

Ronald Fulford

WAWAKA — Ronald D. Fulford, 69, of Wawaka died at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006, at Parkview Noble Hospital's Critical Care Unit in Kendallville. He had been declining in health since April.

He had resided in the Wawaka area all of his life.

Mr. Fulford was employed at Kraft Foods in Kendallville as a machine operator and retired in 1987 after 21 years of service. He was also employed at McCray Refrigeration Co. in Kendallville for 15 years prior to working at Kraft Foods.

He was a member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge and the Syracuse Eagles lodge.

He enjoyed watching baseball, especially the Red Sox, playing euchre and searching on the Internet.

He was born on April 9, 1937, in Nappanee to Joseph F. and Lillian P. (Bowman) Fulford. They preceded him in death.

He married Shirley Bohnenberger on May 7, 1971, in Albion. She survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are one brother, Wayne Fulford of Wawaka; one nephew, Joseph Fulford, and two nieces, Tracey Bordner and Jennie Parsley.

Services were Monday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial was at Cosperville Cemetery.

Michael Lawson Jr.

KIMMELL — Michael A. Lawson Jr., 28, of Kimmell died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Lawson

Mr. Lawson was a lifetime area resident.

He had worked in maintenance at Tenneco in Ligonier.

Mr. Lawson was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed fishing.

He was born Feb. 2, 1978, in Columbia City to Michael Sr. and Vicky (Van Meter) Lawson. They survive in rural Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son, Dylan Lawson, at home; three daughters, Destiny, Desiree and Diamond Lawson, all at home; and a grandmother, Betty Lawson of Big Lake.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, David Lawson Sr. and Mel and Martha Ottenburg.

Services were held Wednesday at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Joey Nelson of Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling was Tuesday at the funeral home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 29, 2006, Friday

Sue Sanxter

ANGOLA — Sue M. Sanxter, 80, of Angola died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Sanxter

Mrs. Sanxter was born May 7, 1926, in Angola to John and Irma (Morse) Goudy. She was married to L.D. "Pete" Sanxter, and he preceded her in death.

She was retired from Pokagon State Park, where she had been the office manager. She and her husband homesteaded in Fairbanks, Alaska, for 22 years.

She was a member of the Angola Women of the Moose and the Lake James Country Club. She was an avid golfer.

Surviving are a son, John Sanxter of Cottage Grove, Minn.; two grandsons, Peter and Andrew Sanxter, both of Cottage Grove; and two sisters-in-law, Marilyn Goudy of Angola and Imogene Blickenstaff of Hamilton.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, John and George Goudy; a sister, Betty Smith; and a stepsister, Florence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 1 to 2 p.m.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Robert Noragon

AUBURN — Robert F. Noragon, 84, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Noragon worked for Don Ayres Pontiac in Fort Wayne as a mechanic for nine years. He then worked for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources in Pokagon State Park, retiring in 1984.

He was a member of the Angola post of the American Legion and the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine, all in Fort Wayne.

He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He was born Sept. 19, 1922, in Franklin Township of DeKalb County to Warren and Doris (Meyer) Noragon. They preceded him in death.

He married Erva Wilson on June 7, 1941, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Lyle Noragon of Pleasant Lake, and two sisters, Ruth Wilson of Auburn and Deloris Carpenter of Lady Lake, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Kay Cronin.

There will be no calling or services. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Myra Tibbs

DEFORD, Mich. — Myra Kay (Runyan) Tibbs, 55, of Deford, Mich. died Sunday, Sept. 10, 2006, at home.

Mrs. Tibbs

Mrs. Tibbs was born Jan. 14, 1951, in Fort Wayne to Gerald and Delores (Barrand) Runyan. She married David L. Tibbs on Aug. 9, 1986. He survives.

She attended Washington Center Elementary School and Northwood Middle School. She graduated in 1969 from Southgate High School in Southgate, Mich. She went on to technical school and earned a diploma as a medical assistant in 1970, and in 1983 and 1984 earned additional diplomas to become a registered medical assistant. She was also a church secretary for five years at West Mound United Methodist Church in Taylor, Mich.

She moved to Deford with her husband in 1999.

She enjoyed cooking, reading, horseback riding and fishing with her father.

Also surviving are her parents, Gerald and Delores Runyan of Angola; two daughters and a son-in-law, Michelle and Joseph Verduce of Gaylord, Mich., and Teresa L. Tibbs of Warren, Mich.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul B. Thompson and David M. and Kimm Tibbs, all of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jerry L. and Joan Runyan of New Haven; five grandchildren and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Linda Runyan, in 1976.

Services were held Sept. 13 in Caro, Mich.

Memorials are to Hospice & Home Advantage, 5986 E. Cass City Road, Cass City, MI 48726.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 29, 2006, Friday

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to list an additional survivor.*

Esther Bennett

FORT WAYNE — Esther Jean Bennett, 55, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, at her home.

Mrs. Bennett worked at Nucor Fasteners in St. Joe in quality control for 16 years and was a cashier at Wal-Mart for five years. She was a member of the American Legion Post 241 Auxiliary.

She was born May 8, 1951, in DeKalb County.

Surviving are her husband, Arvenus Bennett; her mother, Wilma Esther Fogleson of Butler; a son and daughter-in-law, Merle Ray and Tasha Gerbers of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Elaine Davis of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Austin Nichols, Andrew Gerbers, Braden Gerbers and Kaylee Gerbers, all of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sharon Bowers of Waterloo; three brothers, Jeff Fogleson of Youngstown, Ohio, Mike Fogleson of Waterloo and Gary Fogleson of Sturgis, Mich.; and two stepgrandchildren, Aldrick Hughs of Fort Wayne and DeMarco Hughs of Chicago.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo or a charity of the donor's choice.

Gabriel Hicks

GARRETT — Gabriel Allen Hicks "The Forever Baby," 10, of Garrett, died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at his home.

He suffered a lifelong battle with an unknown disease, as family members cared for him — including grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts and uncles, great aunts and uncles and brothers. Doctors struggled with patience and compassion to find the answers to his illness.

He was born June 9, 1996, to Kory Emerick and Rocky Hicks.

Surviving are three brothers, Jacob Leis, Kale Leis and Joshua Hicks; grandparents Tom and Rita Emerick of Auburn, Dave and Randy Collins of Auburn and Harold and Donna Back of Waterloo; and great-grandparents Herman and Lois Collins of Auburn and Deloris Emerick of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a paternal grandfather, Robert Hicks.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Lowell Hostetler

LAGRANGE — Lowell E. Hostetler, 92, of LaGrange died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mr. Hostetler was a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

He was the founder and owner of Hostetler Auto Wrecking in LaGrange, retiring in 1974. He had also worked for the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

He was born Dec. 7, 1913, in Millersburg to Jesse and Bessie (Long) Hostetler. He married Treva Mynhier on June 2, 1935, in LaGrange. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Tamra Olds of Elkhart and Penne and Jack Blair of Sellersburg; a son, Randy Hostetler of LaGrange; a sister, Lois Poynter of Sturgis, Mich.; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Lance Hostetler; a daughter, Trudy Hostetler; and two brothers, Dale Hostetler and Dey Hostetler.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Mark Denney officiating.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 29, 2006, Friday

Larry Smith Sr.

AUBURN — Larry Kurt Smith Sr., 49, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Smith

He was born Jan. 21, 1957, in DeKalb County to Orley D. and Maralene (Kennedy-Martin) Smith. They preceded him in death.

Mr. Smith was a journeyman iron worker for Don R. Fruchey in Fort Wayne. He was a member of Local Union 147. He loved his family, especially his two grandchildren, Kalia and Kaitlyn.

He married Helen M. Hansen on May 26, 1979, in Corunna and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry R. Smith Jr. and Cherisse Smith of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Valerie L. and Rex Meschberger of Auburn and Natalie D. Smith of Auburn; two grandchildren, Kalia L. Smith and Kaitlyn M. Meschberger; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Matt Smith of Coldwater, Mich., and Mark and Regina Smith of Corunna; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Cynthia and Phil Arnett of Corunna, Kathryn and Rod Butler of Waterloo, Sherry Smith of Auburn and Kelley and Keith Likes of Butler; a grandmother, Mary Pearson of Michigan; four nephews; and seven nieces.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Orley R. Smith.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. John Erwin officiating. Burial will be in the Corunna Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-8 p.m. and Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Kenton Becker

ANGOLA — Kenton E. Becker, 88, of Angola died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Calling will be Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. and one hour before services on Sunday.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
September 30, 2006, Saturday

Phillip Martin Jr.

ANGOLA — Phillip John Martin Jr., 29, of Angola died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at his home.

Mr. Martin

He taught fifth grade at Hendry Park Elementary School in Angola, was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and was attending the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes. He loved basketball and football, especially Notre Dame games, and coached junior varsity football at Angola High School and fifth-grade basketball at Prairie Heights. He graduated from Northwood High School in 1995 and Manchester College in 1999.

He was born Oct. 26, 1976, in Elkhart to Phillip John Sr. and Pamela (Harrold) Martin. On April 1, 2000, he married Cari Elizabeth Gilbert, and his wife survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, at home; his parents, of Goshen; a brother and sister-in-law, Andrew and Elizabeth Martin of Tampa, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Sarah and Jeremy Dail of Largo, Fla.; his grandparents, Wilma Martin of Plymouth, Vern and Margaret Johnson of Mill Creek and Sue Harrold of Edgerton, Ohio; brothers-in-law Chad Gilbert and his wife, Chris, of Berne, Chet Gilbert and Case Gilbert and his wife, Brecken, all of Angola; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews; his father- and mother-in-law, Marty and Bobbie Gilbert of Angola; and his wife's grandmother, Eileen Fulton of Angola.

His grandfathers, Burton Harrold and John Martin, preceded him in death.

Services will be Monday at 4 p.m. at Angola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Thomas E. Smith officiating. Burial will be in Powers Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to the Hannah Martin College Fund at First Federal Savings Bank of Angola.

Mari Lynn Shulze

ASHLEY — Mari Lynn (Neukom) Shulze, 58, of Ashley died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Shulze

Mrs. Shulze was a phlebotomist at Cameron Hospital and Parkview Hospital until her retirement in 2001.

She was born May 17, 1948, in Garrett to Glenn W. Neukom Sr. and Marcia M. (Schnepp) Neukom. They survive in Garrett.

She married Jack E. Shulze on April 24, 1992, in Fremont, and he survives in Ashley.

Also surviving are two daughters, Leigh Ann Watkins of Ashley and Christina Evans of Angola; a son, Daniel Murley of Pleasant Lake; 10 grandchildren; and a brother, G. Wayne Neukom Jr. of Fort Wayne.

Family members and friends will gather Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

A celebration of life memorial service will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the University of Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.

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Kenton Becker

ANGOLA — Kenton Edward Becker, 88, of Angola died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Becker

Mr. Becker was born July 18, 1918, in Kendallville to Elmer W. Becker and Gertrude (Katherine) Faye Lybarger. He first married Ruby M. Hoffman in 1940, then married Johanna M. Christen Hanke in September 1951. She preceded him in death in October 1988.

He resided at Cameron Woods Assisted Living. He served in the U.S. Army and was employed by Steckley Feed Mill. He was a farmer in Allen Township, Noble County.

He was a very skilled fisherman and enjoyed playing cards and watching sports.

Surviving are his children and their spouses, Jean Becker and Gail and Glen Perl, all of Fort Wayne, Jerry and Lynette Becker of Lake James, Diana and Donald LeBrun of Pleasant Lake and Deborah and Ronald Ensley of Owatonna, Minn.; 11 grandchildren, Sheri Mowery, Gary Hanna, Rob Hanna, Deborah Boyle, Angela Hansen, Jeffrey Becker, Lori Shaneyfelt, Kevin Cochran, Jake Ensley, Kristin Cochran and Nathan Becker; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by by four brothers, Walter, Warren, Ralph and Thomas; five sisters, Clora Zinn, Ruth Trowbridge, June Trowbridge, Ruby Kuckein and Francis Feller; a son, Gustave Hanke; and a daughter, Rose Steele.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Pastor Gary Rifenburg officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 7 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Sunday.

Private burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be sent online to johnson@bnin.net.

Ursilla Smith

WATERLOO — Ursilla T. "Sally" Smith, 90, of Waterloo died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She worked in the quality control department at Sechler's Pickles in St. Joe for 24 years, retiring in 1979. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn. She enjoyed crocheting, playing cards, watching IU basketball and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born in DeKalb County on Sept. 20, 1916, to Frank and Elva (Blomeke) Miller, who are both deceased. She married Harold J. Smith on Nov. 25, 1936, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. He died Nov. 26, 1995.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Lloyd Dixon of Auburn and Barbara and Don Williams of Texas; a sister, Joann Rudolph of Waterloo; four grandchildren and their spouses, Connie and Dana Herman, Theresa Dixon, Danny and Lori Williams and Alvin and Deb Williams; six great-grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; four sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, John Smith, and three sisters and a brother.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. A special Rosary service will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the funeral Mass.

Memorials are to RISE in Angola.

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Mary Ann Molargik

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Ann Molargik, 60, of Kendallville died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Molargik

She was employed as a waitress for 17 years with Don Hall's Factory restaurant in Fort Wayne. She was also employed as a bank teller with Campbell & Fetter Bank's north branch for 20 years, retiring in August 2005. She was a member of the Wayne Center United Methodist Church in Kendallville where she was the church organist for 16 years. She loved music, traveling and antiquing.

She was born in Fort Wayne on Jan. 23, 1946, to Frederick and Mary Virginia (Reubelt) Hilligas. Both are deceased.

She graduated from North Side High School in Fort Wayne in 1964. She married Frank Molargik Jr. on Oct. 28, 1988, in Kendallville. He survives.

Besides her husband, survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Lee Ann and Mark Hall of LaOtto; a son, Rob Sliger of Ligonier; and four grandchildren, Kayla, Wesley, Kelly and Hayley Hall, all of LaOtto.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. John S. Maxson officiating. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery in rural LaOtto. Pallbearers will be Mark Hall, Rob Sliger, Wes Hall, Doran Peacock, Larry Steel and Ferlin Childers.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Wayne Center United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being republished to provide additional information.*

Sue Sanxter

ANGOLA — Sue M. Sanxter, 80, of Angola died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Sanxter was born May 7, 1926, in Angola to John and Irma (Morse) Goudy. She was married to L.D. "Pete" Sanxter, and he preceded her in death.

Mrs. Sanxter

She was retired from Pokagon State Park, where she had been the office manager. She and her husband homesteaded in Fairbanks, Alaska for 22 years.

She was a member of the Angola Women of the Moose and the Lake James Country Club. She was an avid golfer.

Surviving are a son, John Sanxter of Cottage Grove, Minn.; two grandsons, Peter and Andrew Sanxter, both of Cottage Grove; and two sisters-in-law, Marilyn Goudy of Angola and Imogene Blickenstaff of Hamilton.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Kenneth "K.C." Sanxter; two brothers, John and George Goudy; a sister, Betty Smith; and a stepsister, Florence.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Jim Hulbert officiating. Calling will be today from 1 to 2 p.m.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Julia Hollowell

LIGONIER — Julia A. Hollowell, 77, of Ligonier died Friday, Sept. 29, 2006, at 3:35 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital. Mrs. Hollowell had been ill for the past three years.

She was retired from the medical field and was a homemaker. She was a member of the West Noble American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Kendallville VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She was born in Chicago on Sept. 10, 1929, to Clem "Tommy" and Lois (Surfus) Fausnaugh, both of whom are deceased. She grew up in Kimmell and spent most of her life in Ligonier. She married John Hollowell on Nov. 12, 1957, in LaGrange County. He survives.

Besides her husband, survivors include three sons, Victor Hiatt of LaGrange, Rick Hiatt of North Webster and Thomas Hollowell of Ligonier; two stepsons, Rusty Hollowell of Topeka and John Hollowell Jr. of Ligonier; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lana and Mike Hiatt-Ostrander of Ligonier and Anita and Johnny Hiatt-Miller of South Shore, Ky.; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mark Hiatt, and two daughters-in-law, Delores Hiatt and Carol Hollowell.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at J.A. Brazzell-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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I apologize if there are any errors.

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